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Law at work

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have a chance to see the judicial system up close when the judges of Westland's 18th District Court hold court at Adams Middle School on Friday, May 1.

The special session is sponsored by the court in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in observance of Law Day. This is the 30th year the court has provides Law Day activities.

"It's a great learning opportunity for the students," said Chief Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. "They not only learn about our Michigan laws, but they also see firsthand what the penalties and consequences are for violations of the law."

Cicirelli and Judge Mark McConnell will hear actual cases between 9 a.m. and noon at the middle school. According to Cicirelli, the judges select cases that are relevant to the students. Those cases include minors in possession of alcohol, drunken driving, shoplifting and drug offenses.

"I think it's important for the public to see the legal process in action and even more important for the youth of our community to see the serious consequences of violating the law," said McConnell.

Test drive

John Glenn High School is taking the idea of being true to your school one step further by asking parents, families and supporters to "Drive One 4 UR School."

The Westland high school along with North Brothers Ford and the Ford Motor Co. are sponsoring a "community launch" day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, to let people try the all-new Fusion, Flex or other Ford vehicle. For each test drive, the school will receive \$25 from North Brothers Ford and Ford Motor Co. Organizers hope to attract 300 participants and raise \$7,500 for the school.

The test drive is open to people 18 years and older who have valid driver's licenses. Only one test drive per household and a maximum of 300 total test drives will be eligible for the \$25 donation. The test drive course will be determined prior to the event and will need to be followed closely so that all 300 test drives can be completed within the time limit to earn the maximum donation. The money will go to the student activities fund.

"Call your student's grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors or anyone willing to help John Glenn High School and ask them to come in and test drive a new Ford," said Principal David Ingham in a letter to parents. "It is a great way to experience Ford's new lineup and support John Glenn High School's clubs and activities at the same time."

In addition to the test drive, there also will be a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon and cookout from noon to 3 p.m. There also will be a car wash, free sports team clinics — basketball, soccer, football, wrestling, swimming, and others — a free JROTC rock climb clinic, Gantry School Store Spirit sales, free face painting and dunk tank as well as clubs and activities displays. Students also will be able to place their class ring orders with Herff Jones.

John Glenn High School is at 36105 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland.

Driver pleads no contest in fatal crash

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Livonia man will be sentenced in May after pleading no contest to charges he drove while drinking and killed a pedestrian walking along Joy Road on Westland's north side.

Wesley Thomas Sanborn, 22, will spend one year in the Wayne County jail and be placed on probation for

five years for the Aug. 3 death of Gary Brown, a 27-year-old Livonia father of two, officials confirmed Friday.

Sanborn's plea agreement came April 16 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward Ewell Jr. and his formal sentencing on a charge of operating under the influence of alcohol and causing a death will be on May 12.

The plea agreement was confirmed separately Friday by Westland Police Officer Jack McIntosh and Brown family attorney Gary M. Wilson, who said Brown left behind a wife, Patricia, a 5-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter.

Sanborn, who had been a Dean's List student at Madonna University, was accused of driving drunk

shortly before 5 a.m. Aug. 3 and hitting Brown, also described as drunk, along a stretch of Joy Road east of Newburgh, police have said.

Sanborn, who has been free on bond, will have to serve nearly a full year in jail before he will be eligible for release, Wilson said.

"The family is satisfied that jus-

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Richard Hoppie, a 1975 graduate at Wayne Memorial High School, talks with senior Zeb Hancock (from left), junior Breanne Blair, junior Lynn Matthew and freshman Colin Covin, all members of the Champion Program.

Alum helps Wayne High students reach goals

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Zeb Hancock says the \$200 he could earn if he meets his academic goal this semester isn't what's motivating him to improve his grade point average.

"I think it's about what it means to meet my goal," said Hancock. "I know I'm doing better overall."

"He's a new man," said teacher Tom Morgan. "A senior at Wayne Memorial High School, Hancock is among 80 students who have signed contracts saying they will meet their academic goal — a grade point average they selected — by the end of the semester as part of the Hoppie Family Charitable Foundation's Champion Program.

The program is the idea of school psychologist Bill Gray, who with the help of Principal Valerie Orr, got a "big bad trophy" and worked with students to get their names on it. The students also hooked up with adult "champions" to help them succeed.

"I found kids tend to set high goals, to sustain it is hard work," said Gray. "The essence of the whole thing is hard work."

That's where Richard Hoppie, managing partner of the Vineyard Capital Group and a Wayne Memorial Distinguished Alumni, came in, providing the financial incentive for the students to meet their goals. The foundation focuses on medical and educationally challenged children.

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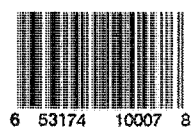


Richard Hoppie, a Wayne Memorial High School Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, is using the Hoppie Family Charitable Foundation to fund the Champion Program to help students improve academically.

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Westland man faces trial on purse snatching charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he robbed a woman as she was leaving a market on the city's south side.

Brandon Hall, 20, was ordered to stand trial for unarmed robbery after he waived his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up

to 15 years in prison. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him, and he has been jailed with a \$100,000 cash bond.

The victim, a 54-year-old Wayne woman, was assaulted and robbed of her purse about 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, outside Robertson's, a market on Venoy south of Dorsey in the city's Norway neighborhood, police said.

"A guy went up to this lady who came out of the store, punched her in the face, snatched her purse and took off running,"

police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said at the time.

Police officers reviewed video from a surveillance camera, and it revealed an alleged suspect that they recognized as a neighborhood resident, Trzybinski said.

Police arrested him at his residence.

The victim sustained what police described as minor injuries during the incident.

A weapon wasn't used during the robbery.

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GC man to stand trial for theft at Kroger

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man has been ordered to stand trial amid accusations he robbed a 38-year-old woman while she was using a bottle return machine inside a Westland grocery store.

Nathan Lamarr Fisher, 48, is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

Fisher, jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond, was charged with unarmed robbery and being a

fourth-degree habitual offender for an incident that happened shortly before 10 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, inside the Kroger store at Merriman and Cherry Hill roads.

Unarmed robbery carries penalties of 15 years in prison, but Fisher could potentially face a longer sentence, if convicted, because of his status as a habitual offender.

The victim was standing in front of the bottle return machine when a man came up behind her, grabbed her arm, bent it downward, took her purse and ran from the store, according to Westland police.

Police alerted neighboring departments and provided a description of the suspect, and a Garden City officer is credited with noticing him walking along Ford Road about 5 a.m. April 8, several hours after the Kroger incident, police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski has said.

Westland officers went to Garden City, where Fisher was turned over to them. The defendant has been described as a prison parolee who has spend time behind bars for such crimes as breaking and entering and drug-related cases.

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Coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City on Monday, April 27. He will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, 9-10 a.m. and at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

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Lincoln dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, which includes Garden City, will host a fund-raising Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner on April 30 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The evening's featured speaker is Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser and the keynote speaker is Tim Skubick of

Michigan Public Television's *Off the Record*. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and a table of 10 is \$450.

Weiser is founder and retired CEO and chairman of the real estate company McKinley Associates and former U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Skubick, who is the anchor and producer of the weekly *Off the Record*, is the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Pattie Coughlin at (248) 474-3525 or Coughlanp@att.net, or Carl Berry at (734) 354-6075 or xcop97@wowway.com.

PLEA

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was done," he said, adding that Sanborn "doesn't have a prior record, but he made some really, really stupid decisions and choices."

Sanborn's plea resulted in two other felony charges being dismissed. If he had gone to trial and been convicted, he could have faced penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison.

Sanborn was accused of hitting Brown with a Chevy Blazer, leaving the scene and returning several hours later, where he was spotted and stopped by Westland police. Although seven hours had lapsed, Officer Jeffery Kropodra has said in

court that he "could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his breath when he was talking to me."

Sanborn, driving a damaged vehicle, was found to have a blood alcohol level of .03 percent, below the .08 percent that is considered drunk, when he was stopped.

Brown had been seen shortly before his death by newspaper delivery driver Jason Suarez, who said he saw Brown walking drunk in the middle of Joy Road, not far from where the accident happened.

Sanborn had told police that he was receiving a telephone call and a text message around the time of the accident and that he believed he had hit a mailbox.

On Friday, Wilson said he

is continuing to push for new state legislation that would make it a crime to be involved in texting messages while driving.

Defense attorney Stephen Boak had originally argued that there was no legal basis for Sanborn's arrest, saying that authorities couldn't show that he was drunk when the accident occurred because of the time that had lapsed and what may have happened during the interim.

However, Sanborn pleaded no contest in return for a one-year stay in jail rather than risk a trial that potentially could have resulted in a conviction and a much longer prison sentence.

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ALUM

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Helpie met with students recently to hear their success stories and to encourage them to succeed.

"It's not where you start or where you end, it's what you do in between," he said. "Success comes a lot less frequently than failures. If you have a goal, make it a good goal and don't let anyone talk you out of it."

"The hardest part of life is achieving your goal. You have to be motivated to go to the next level," he said.

Hancock can relate. He didn't like the feeling of being a failure and when chosen for the program, he made a commitment.

"I don't want to let Mr. Morgan down, I made a commitment to be part of something," he said.

And he is. Hancock has turned failing grades into five A's and one B and he's now talking about playing basketball at the college level.

"I don't feel I've done a lot," Morgan of Hancock's turnaround. "I talk to him weekly. He's doing much better overall."

'PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER'
Hancock's success is mirrored in other students like junior Breanne Blair who was in the first semester of the program. She has improved her grade point average from 2.0 to 3.6.

"It wasn't so much about me, but about being part of something bigger and not doing anything," she said.

Annie James admits there are times when she's wanted to get down on herself and give

up, but hasn't given in to the temptation.

"I tell myself that no matter what happens, I have to keep working," she said.

One hundred students were selected for the second semester to compete for the award, including some 30 students, like Blair, who successfully completed their first-semester goals. The students have to have a "champion," an adult who works at the high school, to advocate for them. Their goal is created by their advocate and Bill Gray or social worker Kelly Hayes. Once accepted in the program, they have to complete a contract and have it signed by their parents and champion.

Students who achieve their



TONN HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A four-foot high trophy, acquired by school psychologist Bill Gray and Principal Valerie Orr, serves as an enticement for students to achieve their academic goals in the Champion Program.

goals will have their name engraved on the four-foot tall trophy. They also will receive

a framed photograph of themselves with the trophy and a check for \$200.

According to Gray, the program has altered relationships between adults and students in the school and has every student in the building wanting to be in it. Students in the program serve as a behavior and academic role model for their classmates, so much so that parents are requesting that their child be enrolled in the program, he said.

"The \$200 isn't the reason they're participating," Gray added. "Most don't care about the money, they care about the trophy."

The foundation has provided \$9,000 a semester for the program, however, Helpie said that based on its success, more money will be added.

In talking with students,

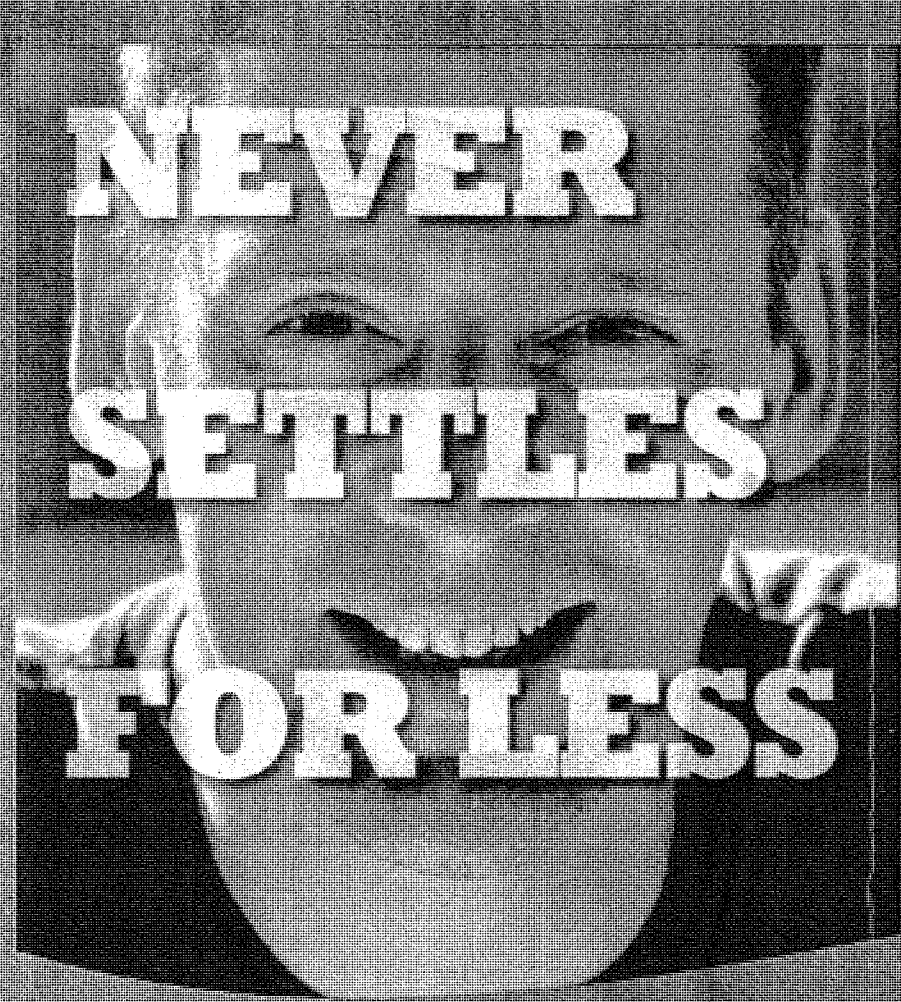
Helpie asked them, "What do you do if you don't make your goal?" There was no hesitation in their response: "Try again."

"I never need much, but there were people who wanted to help me, and that's what I want to do," Helpie said.

Superintendent Greg Baracy praised Helpie for his commitment to Wayne Memorial.

"Mr. Helpie is an extraordinary man, he's a genuine individual who has not forgotten where he came from and is willing to share his inspiration and hope with others," he said. "He's genuinely appreciated by the students, the administration and the school board for what he is doing."

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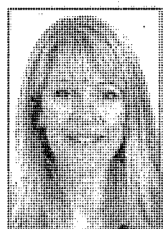
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Burton: Experience is 'broad, deep, current' Lessard: 'I have one agenda - the kids'

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Colleen Burton thinks the Livonia school district needs to do a better job of communicating — and she has an idea for how.



Burton

Instead of making parents sign up for e-mail notices from their children's schools, she thinks they should automatically be signed up for them. It'll take staff members time to enter parents' e-mails into the system, but it'll be worth it, she said.

"It's the single biggest thing we can do," she said, adding that even very involved parents sometimes miss out on what's happening.

Burton, 45, said helping to find a solution for a problem, rather than just pointing out a problem, distinguishes her from the other two candidates running May 5 for two seats on the school board.

"I'm willing to work on a solution and work on it in a positive manner," she said. "I

COLLEEN BURTON

Age: 45
Profession: Part-time sales assistant in family business
Education: B.S. in vocational home economics, Harding University
Family: Married to David; three children ages 12, 17 and 20
Years living in district: 43

don't find negativity a way to get anything accomplished."

Burton said she also has "the most current and the most broad experience" in the schools. She has a son in college, a son in high school and a daughter in sixth grade. "I would not feel as qualified if I had no idea what was important to high school and middle school," she said.

Burton said the budget will be one of her biggest priorities. The district could save money, she said, by not busing athletes back to school after sporting events. Most parents attend the games anyway to watch their students play or they're done with work by then and are available to pick them up, she said.

She said the district needs

to update its facilities and technology to attract and keep families, but she doesn't want taxpayers to have to pay more money to finance those improvements. She said she'd support a sinking fund renewal and a construction bond as long as the combined millages don't add up to more than taxpayers are already paying.

The district needs to continue to offer Advanced Placement courses and special programs like the Creative and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Churchill High, the global education program at Stevenson High and the new International Baccalaureate program at Franklin High School, she said. "We don't have spanking brand-new buildings. We'd better have something fantastic inside of them."

Burton has been an active volunteer at the building and district levels, serving in PTA leadership positions and on district-wide committees. She currently is a member of the school improvement team.

"My experience is broad and deep and current," she said.

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BY KAREN SMITH
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Daniel Lessard, 74, is familiar to many Livonia Public Schools students, though he has been mistaken by some as Santa Claus or Col. Sanders.



Lessard

"One kid thought I was Santa Claus hiding out. I've been accused of being Col. Sanders," said Lessard, who has been on the school board for 12 years and is seeking re-election May 5 to another four-year term.

A retiree, Lessard said his availability during the day gives him an advantage over the other candidates. Spence is an attorney; Burton works part time in her family's business.

"It's important for us to be involved," he said. "I can do the daytime things."

Lessard points to his record and experience as other reasons he should be re-elected. "I think what I've done pretty much speaks for itself," he said. "The district runs well; I'd like to take some credit (for it)."

DANIEL LESSARD

Age: 74
Profession: Retired from Michigan Bell
Education: Two years of business classes at Macomb Community College
Family: Married to Donna; one child, age 30
Years living in district: 32

The Michigan Bell retiree said he has institutional knowledge of what's been tried before. "I think that sense of history is worth a lot," he said. "Why reinvent the wheel?"

Communication is one area where the school board can improve, he said. "Even if it's good, it can always be better." He said he doesn't know where the breakdown is, but some people don't know the truth or they mistrust the information the administration provides.

"Our public relations work is a whole lot better than it used to be," he said. "The problem is, people don't listen."

For example, he said someone questioning the candidates at a recent forum asked them if they thought the district's

financial records should be posted online when they are online already.

"All you can do is keep telling them — people are lazy — they're not going to go looking for it (the information)."

Lessard said the Legacy Initiative — in which the board closed several schools and reconfigured grades — is paying off. "I think we did that correctly and we did it at the right time," he said.

Lessard said declining enrollment continues to be Livonia's biggest concern, just like 84 percent of Michigan districts. He thinks the problem will correct itself as younger families replace older families in the community.

He said he favors a combination of a sinking fund and a bond proposition to pay for improvements to school buildings and technology in order to keep and attract families. "I don't think we can do this with a sinking fund (alone) — it would take too long," he said.

He said people should vote for him because he has no agenda. "Well, I do have one," he said, correcting himself. "It's kids."

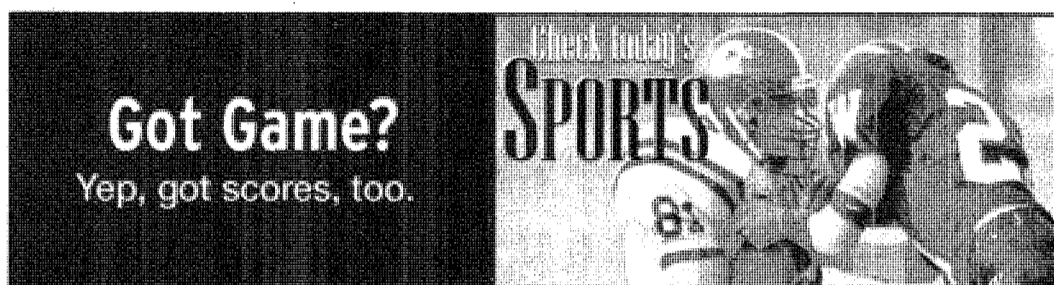
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LIVONIA SCHOOL BOARD

Livonia school district voters will choose among three candidates to fill two seats on the school board May 5. The candidates are incumbent Daniel Lessard and newcomers Colleen Burton and Roger Spence.

Incumbent Cynthia Markarian, currently board presi-

dent, is not seeking re-election. The seats are for four years. The candidates were interviewed by the *Observer*. The Burton and Lessard interviews are in today's issue. The Spence interview will be in the Thursday, April 30, issue.



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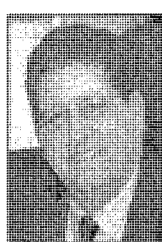
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High fees for mutual funds means low returns

Q: Dear Rick: I saw a story on 60 Minutes this week that dealt with 401(k) plans and fees. It got me to thinking about my 401(k) plan but also my mutual funds. I've read your articles in the past and I know that you recommend low cost investments. In going through my expenses on my mutual funds, including 12-b1 fees, it seems I'm paying nearly two percent in management fees. Is that too much? What should I do?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: I did see the 60 Minutes story and it didn't surprise me. For as long as I've been involved in the financial world I have been talking about excessive fees. Most investors pay little or no attention to fees and they end up paying

too much. In today's difficult economy, it is more important than ever that all investors pay attention to fees. Many investors in salaried deferral programs such as 401(k) plans or 403(b) Plans end up paying excessive fees when they don't have to. For example, people who work for non-profit organizations or school systems generally have more than one investment custodian to choose from. Unfortunately, instead of being proactive they

wait to see what salesperson contacts them. The result is they end up with low returns and high fees.

Individuals in the for profit sector of the economy generally have only one plan available within a salary deferral program. A school system may offer seven or eight different investment companies in its salary deferral program but a corporation generally will only have one investment carrier. However, that does not mean an employee has no alternatives. Employees, particularly those who work for small businesses, can request employers to offer low cost options. Particularly, in a small business where the owner is working in the business and contributing to the salary program, it

benefits not only the employees, but the owner as well to have low cost options.

A possible strategy for individuals who work for large companies is to have a small group of employees contact their human resource department and request a low-cost 401(k) plan. Companies that have high cost plans generally are unaware that there are other options available. There are many investment custodians who offer low cost plans that are beneficial to the employee and to the company.

If you are paying nearly two percent in management fees it becomes nearly impossible for you to make money and a change is needed.

It is time to sell your investments and look at establishing a new portfolio with lower cost funds. One rule of investing holds true: High fees equal low returns.

The question is why do some investment companies have substantially higher fees than others? The answer is simple - sales. Almost all mutual fund companies that have high fees do not use them to manage the portfolio. The money is not used for analysts or for additional research capabilities. It goes to provide incentives to the sales force.

One of the problems in the investment world, identified during the 60 Minutes story, is that fees and costs paid by an investor are not adequately disclosed.

Although they are disclosed in the prospectus, most are written by lawyers for lawyers. In other words, it's almost impossible for the average person to comprehend what they are reading. The industry itself likes to keep people uninformed. However, we must be smarter.

One of my principal rules regarding investing is to never purchase an investment until you know what it costs you to buy, sell and hold.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Westland will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 11, 2009** at 2:00 p.m. The location will be at 300 Henry Ruff Rd., Westland, MI 48186. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Inkster will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 9, 2009** at 10:00 a.m. The location will be at 28612 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.



Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for non-payment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions.

Important Tax Information about Real Property:

Know when tax bills are due and to whom they are payable. Do not assume that the seller will pay the taxes in the year

of sale. If you do not receive a summer and/or winter tax bill, call the city, township or village treasurer where the property is located and request a tax bill. At the same time, check to make sure the treasurer has your correct mailing name and address. Do not send a check in the mail and assume that the check reached the treasurer.

Q: I paid my current taxes to my local treasurer and have a paid receipt. Why did you send me a delinquent tax notice?

A: Unpaid taxes are forwarded to the County Treasurer for collection on March 1 of each year succeeding the year it was due. Notices of unpaid taxes are sent to the name and address on the delinquent tax roll received from the local treasurer.

Any questions or concerns regarding your current tax payment must be directed to your local treasurer's office.

Tax bills are sent to taxpayers following adjustments made to taxable value by the Board of Review, Michigan Tax Tribunal or State Tax Commission. Call Tax Information (313) 224-5990 for additional information.

Q: What if I can't pay the delinquent tax bill when it is due?

A: Partial payments are permitted. Taxpayers may make payments at any time after delinquent taxes become due to the Wayne County Treasurer. Taxes, interest, penalty and fees must be paid before entry of judgment of foreclosure March 31st deadline to avoid losing your property.

Salute to our military

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The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department, the Department of Defense. On Feb. 27, 1950, President Harry Truman announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation, and the first Armed Forces Day was held on May 20, 1950.

The Public Library of Westland owns a

number of books on United States military forces, and through online sources, much more information can be obtained.

The Westland Historical Commission is holding its Second Annual Armed Service Day Celebration at the Westland Historic Village Park noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2. The park is located on the west side of Wayne Road, just south of Marquette Road.

You will see re-enactors from five different American wars - the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I and World War II. Typical encampments will be set up for each group, and at 1:30 p.m., there will be a very noisy weapons demonstration. Marines will also be in attendance, offering a PowerPoint presentation of "Marines on the Great Lakes."

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Highlighted Activities

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Science Fiction Book Club: 7 p.m. April 29

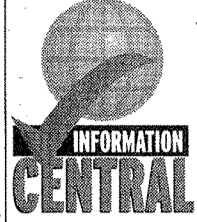
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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 5, 2009** at **6:00 p.m.** The location will be at 28500 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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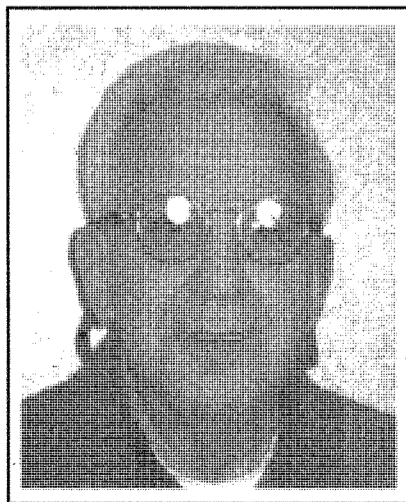
Of course, safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free

devices that are easier to use.

Mr. J.S. struggled with macular degeneration. He came seeking help with reading, driving and watching TV. Dr. Smith made him three pair of glasses. "I use the pair for TV the most," he said.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.



Mr. J.S.

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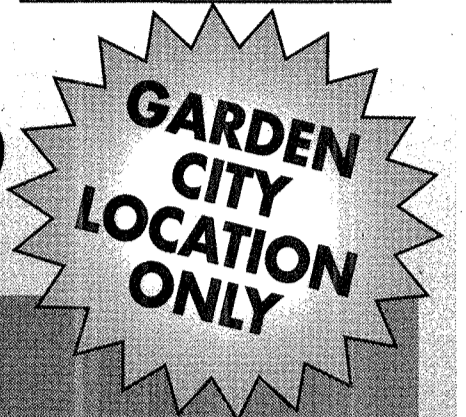
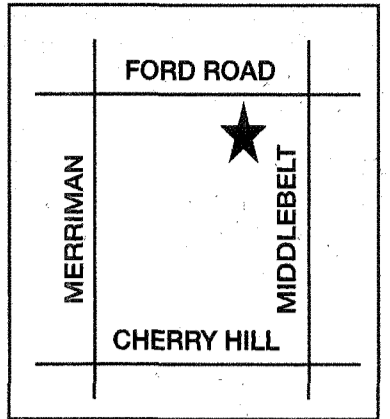
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Prayer Breakfast 'represents heart of city'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ken McMullen believes the Livonia Prayer Breakfast is unique in how it unites the community. The event is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

"I don't know of another event like this, where you pull together the city, the press, Livonia public schools, city officials and the public, and focus on the most important thing in their lives," said the chairman of the prayer breakfast committee. "It represents the heart of the city."

David Rawson, a retired U.S. ambassador to Mali and Rwanda and currently a professor of political economy at Spring Arbor College, will be the keynote speaker at the breakfast May 7 at Laurel Manor.

The committee chose Rawson, after receiving a

LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

What: Initiated in 1975 by an ecumenical group of citizens, the Livonia Prayer Breakfast celebrates its 35th year and continues as a voluntary spiritual communion, focusing on bringing inspirational speakers to communicate positive, faith-filled principles that will inspire people to think globally and act locally. This year's speaker is David Rawson, former U.S. ambassador to the republics of Mali and Rwanda.

When: 7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7

Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students. For information and tickets, call (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org.

recommendation from Bill Bullard, who acts as a national liaison for the breakfast committee, McMullen said.

"(Rawson) is an expert in Third World politics and economics, and he has a heart for the people," McMullen said.

Rawson, who is also a visiting professor of political science at Hillsdale College, served as U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Mali from 1996-99, and to the Republic

of Rwanda from 1993-96. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1971, serving in Rwanda, Mali, Senegal, Madagascar and Somalia as well as various postings in the United States.

Under a grant from the U.S. Institute for Peace, Rawson is now exploring the Rwandan case in international humanitarian intervention. He has been chair of the United Nations Advisory Group on the West African arms moratorium and consultant to the Partnership To Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa.

His father, Dr. A. Perry Rawson, of Addison, Mich., established a hospital in central Burundi.

Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Friends of Kibimba Hospital.

As a result of political strife and civil war in recent years, the hospital was nearly closed, but a local church there has revived the ministry.

Today, the 100-bed hospital staffs full clinical and surgical services. A group of Americans previously associated with the hospital is helping to channel equipment, medicines and financial support.

The prayer breakfast also features music.

Music coordinator Jerry Smith, who has organized the music for the event for the past 15 years as a committee member, chose Classical Bells for this year's breakfast.

Smith wanted to feature instrumental music for this year's event. Classical Bells features members who are active in musical programs throughout metro Detroit as everything from choir directors to soloists. Classical Bells performs at St. Matthew's Baptist Church on Six Mile and will travel to Europe this summer.

"They are local, they are successful, they have a reputation that is excellent and they've been performing for 25 years," Smith said.

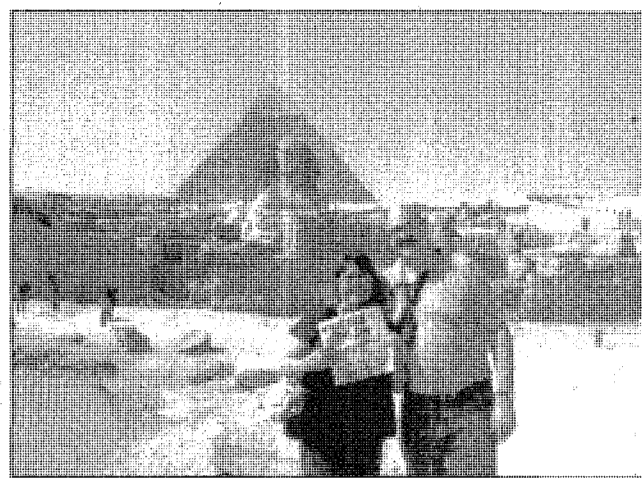
"We try to find a professional quality with a group or individuals that can build a rapport with the audience," Smith said.

Prayer breakfast audiences are appreciative and good listeners, Smith said, so he tries to build on that when he and the committee discuss musical groups to perform at the breakfast. "We've used high school choirs, college choirs and professional soloists," Smith said.

In these tough economic times, event organizers believe the prayer breakfast provides hope and strength from faith, no matter what the denomination individuals practice.

"When you have a city come together, it can weather any storm," McMullen said.

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Wish You Were Here

Jeffrey and Linda Douglass of Westland took a "romantic" 12-day Mediterranean cruise "that certainly was the trip of a lifetime." They visited Frankfurt, Barcelona, Palermo, Piraeus, Athens, Rhodes, Cyprus, Alexandria, Cairo, Giza and Amsterdam. "But we really felt that the time at the time at the Great Pyramids of Giza summoned up discovering the ancient, the old and the new," and that's where they posed for their Wish You Were Here Snapshot. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Relay for Life benefits

Doo Wop for a Cause is coming to the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City on Saturday, May 16. Local entertainers will be putting on a Doo Wop and Oldies Show filled with music of the 1950s and 1960s. Come in your best 195-1960 era duds. Prizes for costumes that stand out. The show will be 6-10 p.m., and tickets are \$8 per person. They can be bought at Maplewood Center office. The event is being sponsored by Team "What About a Cure for Cancer" and the Garden City Relay for Life. The team also is sponsoring a Cutest Baby Contest during the Garden City Relay for Life at Garden City Junior High track May 30. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. There's a \$5 registry fee with photo. Be sure to put the contact info - name, age, address and phone - on the back of the photo. Checks must be written to American

Cancer Society and sent to the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, MI 48135, attention Cheryl & Kelly. The deadline for registering is May 27.

Soldier benefit

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will host their fourth annual dinner May 2, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go to veterans or families of fallen soldiers that are in need. The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Luttrell, a Navy SEAL and author of New York Times best-selling book "Lone Survivor," the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on Operation Redwing. A motivational story of survival, the book is also a moving tribute to the friends and teammates who did not make it off the mountain. A powerful testament to the courage, integrity, patriotism, and community that forged these American heroes, "Lone Survivor" is an incredible account of teamwork, fortitude, and modern warfare. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Ann Cornelius at (248) 346-5976 or visit www.fwsf.org

Annual Reunion

The Wayne High Alumni Association's 24th annual All Class Reunion Banquet will be 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. For more information, contact Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or by e-mail at waynehighalumni@aol.com.

Free workshops

Dr. William H. Karl will present a free health workshop, "A Natural Approach to Your Thyroid Problems," for people suffering from thyroid problems at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. To register, call (734) 425-8588. The workshop is sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals.

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, will present a workshop on "Tummy Trouble" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009, Wednesday, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Are you suffering with Acid Reflux, Stress, Ulcers, Indigestion, Irritable Bowel Syndrome? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and the safe, natural, effective alternatives to naturally help yourself. Seating is limited to the first 15 guests. Reservations are required. Call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

Poker fund-raiser

U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, located at 34824 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne, has a permanent poker room that runs Sunday through Wednesday every week available for local charities in the community. For more information, call John at (734) 216-1688.

Class reunion

Garden City High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$75 now through June 1. Tickets includes, dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Tickets are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or by contacting Paula at gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date: April 29, 2009
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

Publish: April 26, 2009

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the biennial election for the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

At the biennial election of the Garden City School District there will be elected four (4) Members of the Board of Education each for a four-year term, ending June 30, 2013, and one (1) Member of the Board of Education for a two-year partial term, ending June 30, 2011. The candidates for said offices to the Board of Education are as follows:

FOUR (4) FOUR-YEAR TERMS (four shall be elected)

Michael Daniel Bachko
Laura Ewing
Patrick J. McNally
Julie Smith
Lorraine Stover
John L. Thackaberry

ONE (1) TWO-YEAR PARTIAL TERM (one shall be elected)

No Declared Candidates

The places of voting for the election to be held on May 5, 2009, will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8, 11	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 4, 2009, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

Allyson Bettis
City Clerk
City of Garden City

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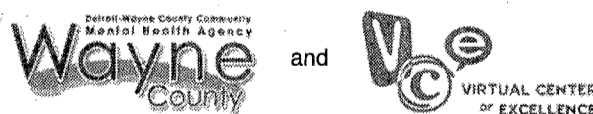
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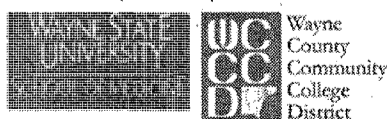
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BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you like books, you'll love Bookstock.

The week-long used book and media sale, which starts Sunday at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, features tens of thousands of donated books, most of which sell for \$1 to \$3 each.

"It's like a treasure hunt; we have everything," said Roz Blanck, one of three co-chairs of the annual event.

Bookstock benefits literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit. It has raised more than \$350,000 in the six years since its inception.

Blanck, of Franklin, said the 700-800 volunteers who put on the event aren't experts on rare books so collectors and savvy shoppers can find real deals at Bookstock. The event draws people from all over Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula. In addition to books, the sale features DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records.

She said one year a man shopping at the sale found copies of books that had been burned by Hitler in Germany. Someone else found a book that had been signed by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sometimes shoppers find

items inside the books that are more interesting than the books themselves, Blanck said. Past finds include a pre-World War II letter and a stamp collection.

Even if all shoppers want is a good read, they'll find it at Bookstock, said Jodi Goodman who co-founded Bookstock with Blanck. All of the books are donated by ordinary people who paid for and enjoyed the books when they were

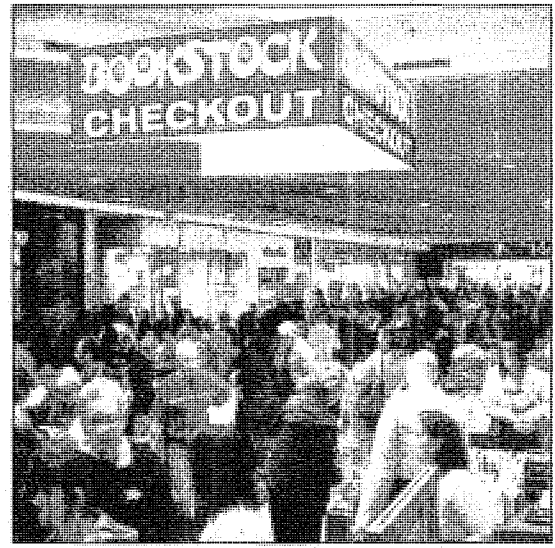
new, not book sellers getting rid of unwanted stock, said Goodman, also of Franklin.

The sale is new every day because more books are put out as others are sold due to limited table space, an advantage for Livonia residents, Goodman said. "If they're in the area, it's worth it to come more than once," she said.

Books are sorted by subject. "For somebody who has the time to shop, it's worth it to

look at every table," Goodman said.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy, the Oakland Literacy Council, the Jewish Community Relations Council, Detroit Jewish News, and a consortium of Jewish community non-profit organizations. For more information, call the Bookstock hotline (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info.



Bookstock attracts throngs of book lovers to Laurel Park Place, as this photo from the 2008 sale shows.

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When: Sunday, April 26, to Sunday, May 3. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Where: Laurel Park Place, located on Six Mile Road, east of I-275, in Livonia.

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Spartans 4-peat at Livonia City championships

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Shaw was concerned about a post spring break hangover for his Livonia Stevenson boys track and field squad.

But on Thursday, the host Spartans appeared to be in midseason form after capturing their fourth straight City championship with a team-high 97 points.

Churchill edged Franklin

for second, 69-67, while Clarenceville placed fourth with 23.

Stevenson won three-of-four relay events and took eight individual events.

Sprinter Nick Anagnostou captured the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.06 and 22.8, respectively. He also teamed up with Austin White, Nate Sergison and Jacob Gudeman to win the 4 x 200 relay in 1:30.22.

BOYS TRACK

Another individual double winner was senior Shawn Howse, who took the 1,600 (4:39.2) and 3,200 (10:06.4) distance races.

Other firsts came from David Simor, long jump (21 feet, 1.25 inches); Will Burek, 300 hurdles (42.56); Sergison, 400 (51.07); and Eric Plisko, 800 (2:05.5).

Stevenson's 4 x 800 relay

team of Brian Fenech, Adam Dabkowski, Travis Gosselin and Plisko also won in 8:24.63, while the foursome of Matt Williams, David Simor, Stephen Pollard and Sergison garnered a first in the meet's final event, the 1,600 relay (3:32.2).

"We ran well, a lot of kids had their best times of year," Shaw said. "Obviously Nick (Anagnostou) winning the 100 and 200 was key, but it was our middle distance kids who

made the difference. They had struggled early on this season, but they came through today. We ran 16 seconds better in the 4 x 800.

"Also (Shawn) Howse winning both distance races helped us out today. We also went one-two in the 400. Matt Williams, who is only a sophomore, ran his best 400 (51.92). The kids starting to run better."

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GAME WRAPS

College softball

MADONNA 4-11, CORNERSTONE 3-3: It was another day at the office Friday for the Madonna University women's softball team as the host Crusaders (46-8, 24-2) swept a double-header from Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Cornerstone University (14-30, 10-14).

First-place MU edged the Golden Eagles in the opener, 4-3, as sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin improved to 26-6 with a five-hitter. She struck out 10 and walked only two.

Tara LaMilza and Danielle Richardson each knocked in runs for MU.

In the second game, freshman hurler Hallie Minch (Garden City) upped her record to 20-2 with a six-inning five-hitter. She struck out eight and walked only two.

Tori Turner went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Kelly Lesko also knocked in two runs, while Kathleen Smiley went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

MADONNA 7-8, SIENA HEIGHTS 1-0: Jess Irwin continued her record-breaking season Thursday as the 16th-ranked Crusaders (44-8, 22-2) swept a WHAC double-header from visiting Siena Heights University (12-37, 2-19).

Irwin threw a three-hitter in the opener, not allowing a walk and striking out 12. The Monroe native now holds the all-time wins (49) and strikeout (596) records along with the two highest single-season strikeout marks in school history.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) led MU's eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI. Ashley Shay contributed two hits and an RBI, while Danielle Richardson chipped in with an RBI.

In the nightcap, MU improved to 44-8 overall and 22-2 in the WHAC with a six-inning, 8-0 mercy-rule win over the Saints, who slipped to 12-37 overall and 2-19 in the conference.

Hallie Minch improved her season record to 19-2 with a three-hitter. She fanned seven and did not allow a walk.

Katie Cooley paced the offense going 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Tedi Johnston went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Mary Kate Setta went 2-for-3 with a triple and RBI.

Prep softball

HARPER WOODS 6, CLARENCEVILLE 2: On Thursday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-3, 1-1) made six errors in the bottom of the sixth as the Pioneers scored six runs to break a 0-0 tie and earn a Metro Conference win.

Stephanie Bishop knocked in a run with a single for the Trojans.

CLARENCEVILLE 16, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Back-to-back seven-run innings Wednesday sparked visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-2, 1-0) to a four-inning mercy rule rout of Lutheran Westland (0-3, 0-1) in the Metro Conference opener.

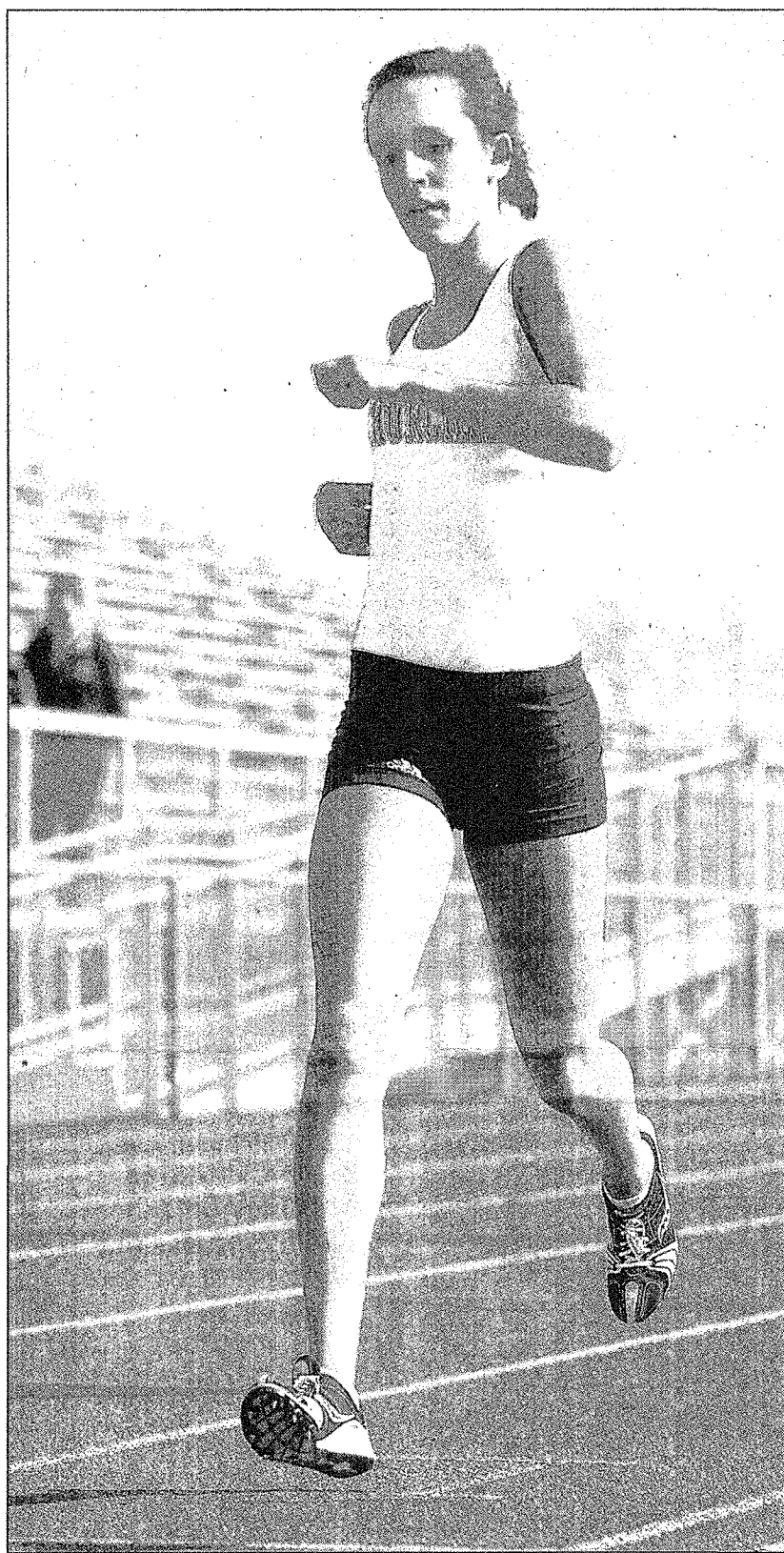
Clarenceville junior pitcher Val Sochacki no-hit the Warriors and fanned six batters for her third win of the season.

At the plate, top hitters for the Trojans included seniors Brittany Brooks (2-for-4; four RBI), Lisa Wilson (2-for-4; two runs; RBI) and Charmaine McQueen (2-for-2). They combined to knock in six runs and score three others.

A bases-loaded double in the third by Brooks keyed that surge and the Trojans pushed across seven runs in the fourth thanks to seven singles.

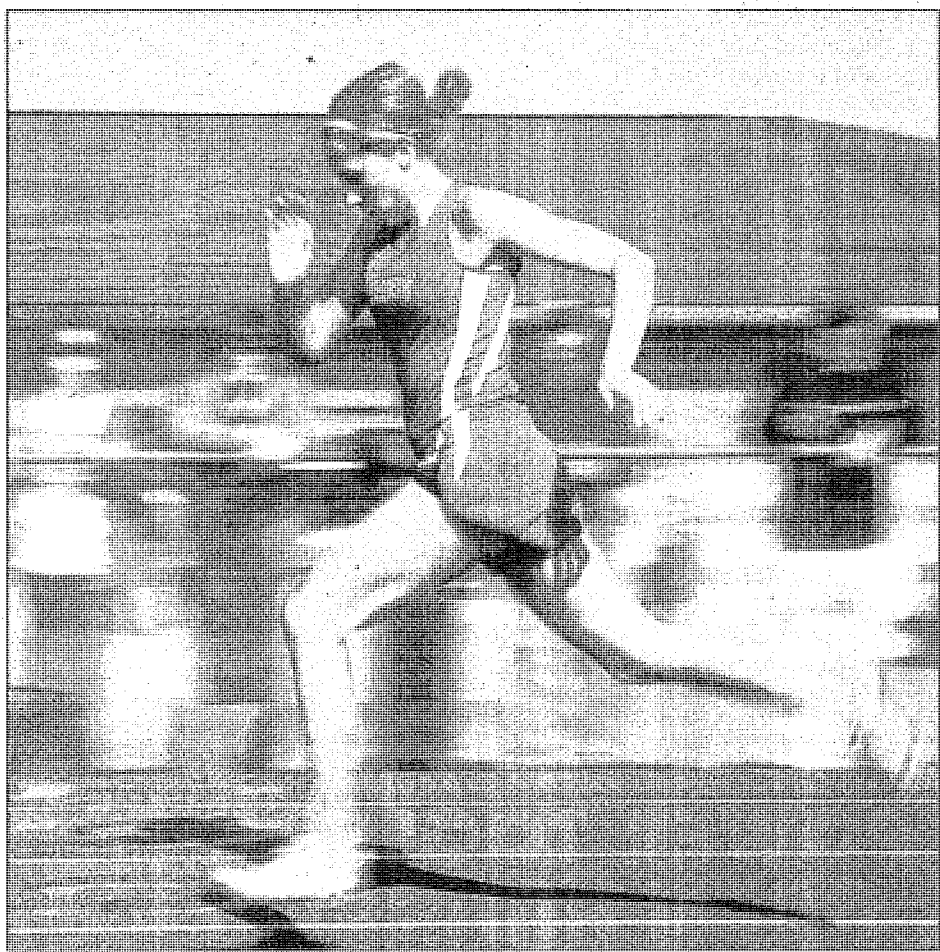
Clarenceville also benefited from 10 walks and three hits-batsmen.

"Westland is a rival and they always compete," Trojans' coach Joe DeCaire said. "Our team came out flat and slow, but Wilson, Brooks, McQueen and Sochacki stepped up like leaders do."



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Churchill junior Sara Kroll put in a heroic effort winning the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200 meter runs, along with anchoring the first place 4 x 400 relay team at Thursday's Public Schools of Livonia meet held at Franklin.



Franklin freshman Kathryn Chinavare is a blur as she wins the 100-meter dash at the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track and field meet.

Going the distance

Kroll ignites Chargers' triumph

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sara Kroll recreated the superheroine role of Wonder Woman in Thursday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track meet.

The Livonia Churchill junior captured all three distance events — the 800 meters, 1,600 and 3,200.

And then with the Chargers clinging to a two-point lead in the team standings over host Franklin going into the final event, Kroll put an exclamation point on the Chargers' fifth straight invitational crown with a stirring anchor leg in the 4 x 400 relay when she leaned through the finish line to edge

Stevenson's Becky Adamcheck for first place.

Churchill scored a team-high 100.66 points to beat the Patriots, who ended up with 98 after finishing a distant third in the 1,600 relay.

Stevenson placed third with 54.33, while Livonia Clarenceville was fourth with three points.

Kroll, already in mid-season form, cruised to a victory in the 800 with a time of 2:18.87 before outdueling Stevenson senior Courtney Calka, one of the state's top distance runners headed this fall to Eastern Michigan University in the 1,600.

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It's deja vu all over: Warriors stun Liggett

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland Friday again proved it could play with the best, scoring a 3-1 win over the No. 1-ranked team in Division 4, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Now, the state runner-up Warriors (1-1, 1-1) will work on beating the rest with Metro Conference games Monday and Tuesday against Hamtramck and Livonia Clarenceville, respectively.

Throwing a complete game for the win was Austin Baglow, who struck out eight and walked just two while giving up one unearned run.

"It was our second straight win against the team that's ranked No. 1 so we know we can compete with the big guys," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "We just have to do it on a consistent basis."

Lutheran Westland also defeated the previously unbeaten Knights during last season's regional final contest.

University-Liggett (12-2, 1-2) took a short-lived 1-0 lead in the

fifth thanks to a pair of errors.

But the Warriors tied the game in the sixth. Doubling with two outs was Micah Hausch (3-for-4) and he came home on a groundout by Austin Baglow.

The winning rally in the seventh got started with a single by Gage Flanery and a stolen base, followed by a Chris Barnaby walk.

Both moved up a base on an infield out and scored as Hausch turned on the first pitch to double into the left-center gap.

Baglow then threw a perfect seventh to finish the victory, striking out the final batter.

"Austin pitched great for us today," Wade said. "He had great command and for the most part his defense played well behind him."

"It is great for them to get a win like this, play well and hopefully get going in the right direction."

LUTH. NORTH 7, CLARENCEVILLE 6: On Friday, host Livonia Clarenceville (1-6, 0-2) suffered another one-run loss to Macomb Lutheran North (5-4, 3-0).

The Trojans scored five in the sixth to go up 6-4, but the Mustangs rallied

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MU lands McGrath

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves (right) didn't have to go far to sign his latest recruit when he landed 6-foot center Kaylee McGrath (left) of Livonia Stevenson, a second-team All-Observer pick who averaged 13.4 points and 12 rebounds per game this season. McGrath, who had 15 double-doubles this year, joins MU's incoming recruiting class of Kayleigh Burden (New Boston Huron) and Kristie Porada (Gibraltar Carlson). "Kaylee is one of the most versatile players that we've had the privilege to sign since I've been at MU," Graves said. "She comes from a great family and athletic program locally at Stevenson. Signing more local athletes is a priority for the women's team at Madonna. We want to keep the abundance of talent in the Livonia schools right here at home. We believe that this represents another puzzle piece as we head towards making a mark on the national stage." McGrath, a three-year scholar-athlete award winner, plans to study nursing. She is the cousin of Mike Cervenak of the Philadelphia Phillies.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LIVONIA INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET
April 23 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 100.66 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 98; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 54.33; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 3.

Shot put: 1. Shannon Getchen (LC), 33 feet, 6 inches; 2. Savannah Haig (LF), 32-9; 3. 32-8; 4. Nicole Price (LF), 30-6; 5. Brittany Milican (LF), 28-8.

Discus: 2. Getchen (LC), 100-2; 2. Becky Holubka (LS), 93-1; 3. Haig (LF), 92-3; 4. Byron (LC), 87-0; 5. Shireen Saah (LS), 85-5.

High jump: 1. Emily Quint (LF), 5-1; 2. Cierra Yetts (LC), 5-1; 3. Liz Holloway (LF), 5-0; 4. Meghan Powers (LF), 4-6; 5. (tie) Marci Kovsky (LS), Sencclair McDonnell (LC) and Christine Maleske (LC), no marks available.

Long jump: 1. Melanie Bauer (LS), 15-1; 2. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 14-10; 3. Holloway (LF), 14-8; 5. 4. Amanda Boriero (LF), 14-8; 5. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 14-7.5.

Pole vault: 1. Quint (LF), 10-0; 2. Powers (LF), 9-0; 3. DiMauro (LC), 9-0; 4. Blackstone (LS), 9-0; 5. Eren Ural (LC), 8-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Seneca Scott (LF), 16:29; 2. Dayna Esper (LC), 16:58; 3. Jen Mueller (LF), 16:72; 4. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 16:77; 5. Stephanie Lozano (Cville), 18.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 46:05; 2. Scott (LF), 50:59; 3. Shannon Niznik (LF), 50:8; 4. Esper (LC), 50:96; 5. Alex Herten (LC), 53:36.

100 dash: 1. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 12:57; 2. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 12:83; 3. Taylor (LC), 13; 4. Courtney Simpson (LC), 13:1; 5. Jessica Thomas (LF), 13:23.

200: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 26:67; 2. Taylor (LC), 27:18; 3. Chinavare (LF), 27:51; 4. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 27:58; 5. Lauren Stoltman (LC), 27:67.

400: 1. Butkowski (LF), 1:01.92; 2. Samar Auode (LC), 1:03.24; 3. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:03.96; 4. Aneta Elliott (Cville), 1:04.91; 5. Claire LeBlanc (LS), 1:05.95.

800: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:18.87; 2. Courtney Calka

(LS), 2:26.98; 3. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:34.68; 4. Mallory Church (LF), 2:39.38; 5. Dominique Jordan (LF), 2:41.19.

1,600: 1. Kroll (LC), 5:07.81; 2. Calka (LS), 5:09.54; 3. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:36.31; 4. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 5:47.12; 5. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:49.7.

3,200: 1. Kroll (LC), 11:57.69; 2. McPherson (LC), 12:00.31; 3. Pilat (LC), 12:34.59; 4. Victoria Saferian (LS), 12:46.53; 5. Hickson (LC), 12:56.11.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Stoltman, Heinzelman, Meghan Catalano, Simpson), 53.41; 2. Franklin, 53.96; 3. Stevenson, 54.79; 4. Clarenceville, 59.58.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (Scott, Butkowski, Mueller, Chinavare), 1:50.31; 2. Churchill, 1:50.55; 3. Stevenson, 1:55.47; 4. Clarenceville, 2:00.47.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Auode, Kelly, Raisanen, Kroll), 4:14.99; 2. Stevenson, 4:14.99; 3. Franklin, 4:25.35.

3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (M. Church, McPherson, Victoria Church, Megan Wickens), 10:17.72; 2. Churchill, 10:19.6; 3. Stevenson, 10:58.27; 4. Clarenceville, 12:04.72.

Franklin sweeps Novi in DH

Livonia Franklin's softball team cruised to a pair of victories Friday at Novi.

The Patriots won the Kensington Conference inter-divisional battle in the opener, 8-0, as senior Natalie Sanborn (5-0) limited the Wildcats to just two hits and two walks in seven innings.

Sanborn also went 3-for-4 with a double. Other Franklin offensive standouts included Natalie Polakowski (2-for-3; run); Jessica Emery (2-run single); and Brianna Taylor (2-for-3; double; RBI).

Losing pitcher Rebecca Richter allowed 13 hits.

The Patriots improved to 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the KLA South Division with a 7-2 triumph in the nightcap as Brittany Taylor paced a 14-hit attack going 4-for-4, including a pair of doubles, a triple, two RBI and three runs.

Brianna Taylor went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two runs, while Sanborn had a single, double and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lamble (2-2) scattered five hits, fanned three and did not allow a walk in going the distance.

Starter Katie Enright took the loss for Novi (1-7, 1-4).

SALEM 7-1, CHURCHILL 0-5: Sophomore Briana Lee struck out 19 and pitched a one-hitter, while teammate Alexis Powell collected three hits Friday to lead the host Rocks (4-4, 3-2) to the opening game KLA South Divisional win over Livonia Churchill (9-2, 4-2).

Lee and Christina Parsons also added two hits apiece in the 7-0 Salem win.

Churchill starter Missy Sidor, who took the loss, gave up 11 hits.

Katie Stodulski had the lone hit for the Chargers.

Churchill bounced back to win the non-division nightcap, 5-1, as freshman Abby Jewell threw a three-hitter and struck out three.

Katrina St. Pierre led Churchill with two hits, while Mary Cox had two for the Rocks.

CANTON 3-4, STEVENSON 0-2: The Chiefs (6-1, 4-1) took both ends of the double-header Friday including the Kensington Conference crossover in nine innings over visiting Livonia Stevenson (6-2, 3-1) in the opener as Carolanne Sexauer belted a game-winning 3-run homer.

Winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy struck out 13 and allowed just three

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hits, two to Shelby Wilson.

Losing pitcher Laura Deacon struck out nine, did not allow a walk and fanned eight in her stint.

Amanda Rysdorp went 2-for-4 for Canton.

In the nightcap, Alyssa Boucher outdueled Stevenson's Emily Hollandsworth for a 4-2 Canton win.

Boucher struck out three, walked only one and allowed five hits, while Hollandsworth fanned three, walked four and allowed just three hits.

Wilson led Stevenson going 2-for-4.

SOUTH LYON 11-12, JOHN GLENN 0-2: On Friday, the host Lions (5-6-1, 1-3) as Erin Godair pitched a three-hitter and struck out five in the opener against Westland John Glenn (0-6, 0-4) and struck out five.

Godair also doubled and tripled, while Allie Selmi contributed three hits in the 11-0 triumph.

Losing pitcher Allie Murphy gave up nine hits, walked six and struck out three in five innings.

Stacey Truskowski, Emily Porter and Samantha Fox had the lone hits for Glenn.

In the second game, Godair collected four hits, including a pair of doubles, and Olivia Wenzel added two hits in a 12-2 five-inning mercy of the Rockets.

Katie Down had three hits, while Brooklyn Holbrook added two for Glenn.

Losing pitcher Brandi Holbrook gave up 12 hits, walked four and struck out three.

Danielle Boore got the win in relief for the Lions.

FRANKLIN 1-4, SALEM 0-6: Livonia Franklin (5-2, 3-0) got the all-important Kensington Conference crossover victory in the opener Thursday as senior Natalie Sanborn outdueled Rocks freshman Briana Lee.

Sanborn (4-0) scattered six hits, walked one and struck out five, while Lee allowed just one hit, walked one and struck out eight in the 1-0 win.

Franklin got its lone run in the fourth inning when Brittany Taylor led off with a single, advanced to second on Chelsea Williams' bunt and came all the way around on a Salem throwing error.

Lee went 2-for-3 in the loss.

Salem (3-3, 2-2) won the nightcap, 6-4, as Heidi Schmitt and Lee each collected three hits, while Mary Cox added two.

Schmitt, the winning pitcher, allowed eight hits, walked one and fanned three.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lamble (1-2) gave up 12 hits and six earned run.

Brittany Taylor went 3-for-4, while twin sister Brianna clubbed a 3-run homer in the third inning.

CHURCHILL 5-5, SOUTH LYON 0-1: On Thursday, Livonia Churchill (8-1, 3-1) swept both ends of the twinbill against the visiting Lions (3-6-1, 0-3).

Freshman Abby Jewell pitched a one-hit, complete game in the opener. She struck out 10 and walked three.

Missy Sidor and Natalie Hiser each collected two hits in Churchill's 5-0 win.

Losing pitcher Danielle Boore gave up nine hits.

Hiser pitched a complete-game, six-hitter and struck out seven as the Chargers won the nightcap, 5-1.

Catcher Chelsea Gardner drove in two runs in her first start of the year for Churchill.

STEVENSON 12-8, WAYNE 0-2: Livonia Stevenson (5-0, 3-0) took both ends of a twinbill Thursday at Wayne Memorial (0-5, 0-3).

Laura Deacon went 3-for-3, while Jacqueline Johnson went 2-for-3 and batted in four runs as the Spartans won the opener in five innings, 12-0.

Kristina Vaclavak and Shelby Wilson added two hits apiece.

Deacon and Johnson combined on a one-hitter and four Ks, while Wayne starter Taylor Krohn suffered the loss, allowing 12 hits and eight walks.

Wilson went 3-for-4 as Stevenson took the second game, 8-2.

Nina Bonanno doubled twice and knocked in two runs, while Johnson went 2-for-4.

Hollandsworth and Shannen Serylo combined on a five-hitter.

Amanda Vergona went 2-for-3 for the Zebras.

CHURCHILL 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Missy Sidor struck out 13 and gave up three hits Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (6-1, 2-1) downed Westland John Glenn (0-4, 0-3) in a KLA South Division game.

Mackenzie Everson and Natalie Hiser each collected two hits for the victorious Chargers.

Losing pitcher Brandi Holbrook allowed five hits and walked four for the Rockets.

Amanda Murakami, Amanda Caudill and Stacey Truskowski had the lone hits for Glenn.

STEVENSON 10, SOUTH LYON 0: On Wednesday, Kristina Vaclavak had two hits and four RBI as host Livonia Stevenson (2-0, 1-0) downed the visiting Lions (2-6-1, 0-2) in a KLA Central Division matchup.

Shelby Wilson also had two hits and scored three runs for the Spartans, while Nina Bonanno contributed two hits and an RBI.

Winning pitcher Emily Hollandsworth struck out seven, walked only two and allowed five hits for Stevenson.

Losing pitcher Kelsey Hines went 2-for-2 for South Lyon.

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Kroll's time was a blistering 5:07.81, while Calka clocked a 5:09.54.

And with Churchill still trailing in the team totals heading into the second-to-the-last race, Charger coach Pat Daugherty went against his best judgment and let Kroll run the 3,200 where she fought off Franklin's outstanding sophomore Megan McPherson with a time of 11:57.69. (McPherson's time was 12:00.37).

Kroll then hurriedly changed into her sprinting spikes from her distance racing flats for the final event.

The Chargers' Samar Auode, Megan Kelly and Tiffany Raisanen carried the lead for three legs in the 4 x 400 relay, but Stevenson stormed back and appeared to have put the race away when Adamcheck, who had already won the 200 dash (26.7) and the 300 hurdles (46.05), overhauled Kroll on the final turn.

Kroll appeared to be out of gas down the home stretch, but found one last gasp of energy and made a late charge in the final 20 meters to give Churchill a first place time of 4:14.99 in a photo finish against the Spartans.

"My legs don't hurt, I'm just overwhelmed and very excited," Kroll said. "It's one of the best days I've ever had in track - three great open events and my relay teammates pulled it out at the end."

Kroll ran an impressive quarter-mile split of 1:02.0.

"I really didn't have a chance to cool down," said Kroll, who was fifth in last fall's Division 1 state finals in cross country. "The 2-mile (3,200) was my decision. We were down five points and I decided to run it. The 2-mile was rough. But my coach (Daugherty) makes feel like I have all the confidence in the world. I lifted weights over the winter and it helped my training. The indoor season also helped a lot."

Churchill edged Franklin for last year's Public Schools Invitational title by a mere three points, 92.5 to 89.5.

The Chargers also got a pair of firsts from Shannon Getchen in the shot put (33 feet, 6 inches) and discus (100-2). Churchill's other win came in the 4 x 100 relay as Lauren Stoltman, Leah Heinzelman, Meghan Catalano and Courtney Simpson were clocked in 53.41.

Churchill was also able to avenge a 80-57 dual-meet loss to the Patriots on April 8.

"We went into this meet thinking it was going to be 50-50,"

Daugherty said. "There were so many fifths that added up to this win, but we were not going to win it unless we had Sara in the two-mile."

Daugherty, however, couldn't but marvel at his junior's effort.

"I've been doing this for 10 years and the was the most impressive single performance I've seen," he said. "We had her in the mile (1,600), 800 and the 4 x 400 (relay). There was less than a 5-minute break between the 3,200 and mile relay. I tried to stall because I said to myself 'she's done, her legs are shot.' Plus, I didn't want her hurt for the rest of the season."

Franklin, meanwhile, actually had more first places led by Emily Quint who swept the high jump (5-1) and pole vault (10-0).

The Patriots also got wins from Seneca Scott (100 hurdles), Kathryn Chinavare (100) and Ashly Butkowski (400).

Franklin's 800 and 3,200 relay squads were also victorious.

"We asked a lot of girls to step up," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We rolled the dice with McPherson in three distance events. I thought we competed hard. It's like any meet, some things go better than you think and some things come up short. Our girls were ready to race and I told them Churchill would be ready, too."

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Good in the clutch

Sorenson's late heroics gives Stevenson 5-4 win

Junior Jeff Sorenson proved Friday he has a flare for the dramatic, clubbing the game-winning homer in the top of the seventh inning while earning the victory in relief as Livonia Stevenson won the all-important opener of a baseball double-header over host Canton, 5-4.

Sorenson went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs. He then came on for starter Mike Tuttle, throwing 1.1 scoreless innings of relief while striking out two and not allowing a hit as the Spartans improved to 5-0 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Teammate Jake Wilson went 2-for-3, including a 2-run homer in the sixth to give Stevenson a 4-2 lead before Canton rallied to tie it with two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Canton starter Dan Staples went the first 5.1 innings, allowing four runs. He fanned five before reliever Andrew Tidwell, who took the loss, gave up one run on three hits in 1.2 innings.

Dan Stoney went 2-for-3 with an RBI as Canton fell to 3-3 in the KLAAs South Division.

The Chiefs won the nightcap, 14-7, as Carter Staffed went 2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored. Nick Tomilenko added two hits and two RBI, while Ben Staley was the winning pitcher in relief going the final 2.2 innings in the game halted by darkness after five.

Wilson had two hits and two RBI, while Sorenson added two hits and an RBI.

Stevenson is 6-3 overall, while Canton is 7-4.

SALEM 7-10, CHURCHILL 2-0: Catcher Dave Loos went 5-for-8 in the day and pitchers Joe Posler and Dave Hales combined for 17 strikeouts Friday as the host Rocks (7-4, 4-1) won the Kensington Conference intra-divisional twinbill over Livonia Churchill (5-4-1, 3-2).

Posler struck out 10 and allowed just four hits in the opener, while Churchill starter Ben Matigian suffered the loss.

Posler also went 3-for-3 at the plate in the nightcap. Andrew Grabowski also homered in the five-inning mercy rule win.

Hales fanned seven in the second game.

NOVI 10, FRANKLIN 9: On Friday, the host Wildcats (6-4, 3-2) rallied for two runs

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in the bottom of the eighth inning, including the game-winning RBI single from Adam Paull to beat Livonia Franklin (6-3, 3-2) in Kensington Conference crossover.

Nick Regnier and Dan Kilger belted back-to-back homers in the first inning for Novi.

Franklin countered with three homers including Dan Muller's solo blast to give the Patriots a 9-8 lead in the top of the eighth.

Garrett Gumm added a 2-run homer in the first and Mike Basner, the losing pitcher in relief of starter Mark McRobb, added a 3-run shot in the fourth.

The second game was halted after four complete innings because of darkness with Novi leading 6-2.

SOUTH LYON 11-2, JOHN GLENN 10-5: In a Kensington Conference intra-divisional crossover Friday, the host Lions (6-4, 3-3) and Westland John Glenn settled for a split.

Frank Taurianen had two doubles, a triple and RBI as the Lions rallied to win the opener, 11-0.

Justin Butler's two-out, 3-run homer in the fifth inning greeted Glenn reliever Andrew McGrath, who replaced starter Jake Campbell.

Max Kendreth then doubled and scored on Tom Court's game-winning RBI single.

Mike Uhrin was the winning pitcher, while McGrath took the loss.

Andrew DeLuca went 3-for-3 with a second-inning homer. Hickson added had a 2-run double in the fourth. Caleb Clenney scored two runs.

Glenn rebounded to win the second game, 5-2, as starter Steve Hickson, who won the first five innings, got the win. He gave up four hits.

Reliever Jake Sperry earned the save with two scoreless innings. He also went 3-for-4.

STEVENSON 14, WAYNE 8: Mark Wagner went 4-for-5 with five RBI Thursday as Livonia Stevenson (5-2, 4-0) downed host Wayne Memorial (1-9, 0-5) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Other offensive standouts for the Spartans including Tyler Lynch (2-for-3; three runs; RBI); Mike Tuttle (2-for-3; three RBI; two runs); Zeb Bacigal (RBI; two runs); and Jeff Sorenson and Dan Lopez (two runs each).

Stevenson pitcher Dave Niesyto, who went six innings allowing three runs with four strikeouts, got the victory.

Jake White, Dominik Corredino and Shane Wilson each had two hits and one RBI for the Zebras.

CHURCHILL 10, JOHN GLENN 8: Steve Hovermale got the win in relief and knocked home the go-ahead run with a single in the bottom of the fifth inning Wednesday to give host Livonia Churchill (5-2-1, 3-1) the KLAAs South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (5-6, 1-3).

Hovermale, who came on for starter Jimmy Tyler in the fifth, went the final 2.2 innings.

Ricky Scully went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI to pace Churchill's 11-hit attack. Devin Moynihan added two hits, two RBI and scored twice.

Glenn, which unloaded for 15 hits, scored four times in the top of the fifth inning on four doubles. The Rockets also scored three times in the seventh.

Offensive leaders for Glenn including losing pitcher Jake Sperry (3-for-4; three RBI; two runs); Steve Hickson (2-for-3; RBI); and Andrew DeLuca (2-for-4; two runs).

Hickson and Andrew McGrath worked the final two innings in relief of Sperry.

FRANKLIN 6, WAYNE 5: Livonia Franklin (6-2, 3-1) scored four times in the opening inning Wednesday and held off visiting Wayne Memorial (1-8, 0-4) for the KLAAs South Division victory.

Nate Robinson's 2-run single keyed the first-inning surge. Tyler Barnes also had an RBI single and Mark McRobb forced home another run when he walked with the bases loaded.

McRobb also added an RBI single in the sixth, while Mike Basner collected three hits for the Patriots.

Garrett Gumm pitched the first 6.2 innings to pick up the win. He scattered 12 hits, walked three and struck out 10. McRobb came on to get the final out and earn his second save of the year.

Wayne starter Jon Bryant, who went five innings, took the loss.

Jake White and Dominik Corredino each collected three hits for the Zebras.

STEVENSON 11, S.L. EAST 0: In a KLAAs Central Division game Wednesday, Livonia Stevenson (4-2, 3-0) took six innings to mercy host South Lyon East (0-5, 0-4).

Mark Wagner paced Stevenson's eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a homer, two runs and three RBI. Tyler Lynch also went 2-for-4 and scored twice. Nick Tomasi also knocked in a pair of runs, while winning pitcher Jeff Sorenson and Jake Wilson also knocked in runs.

Sorenson struck out seven in hits three-inning stint. Matt Shaw also went an inning, while Tomasi finished up. The two combined for four strikeouts.

Patrick Powers went 2-for-3 for the Cougars.

season for Lutheran High Westland (0-1, 0-1) didn't go as planned for the Warriors, who lost this Thursday Metro Conference game to host Macomb Lutheran North (4-4, 2-0).

Micah Hausch took the loss for the Warriors, allowing one earned run in four innings while walking just one and striking out five.

Ryan Rakovalis went 2-for-3 for the Warriors.

HARPER WOODS 8, CLARENCEVILLE 7: On Thursday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-5, 0-1) was in position to open the Metro Conference with a win, but gave up four runs in the

bottom of the seventh in falling to the Pioneers (4-5, 1-0).

Romeo Bravo's walk-off single against Damien Quarles finished the job for Harper Woods.

That rally spoiled an outstanding game by Clarenceville starting pitcher Mike Schiffman, who gave up two earned runs in six innings of work along with contributing two hits and an RBI at the plate.

Damien Quarles went 2-for-2 (including a double) and scored three runs, while Matt Kurdziel (2-for-4) and Eric Trotter (two RBI) also chipped in for Clarenceville.

Chargers boot KLAA foe Plymouth

State-ranked Livonia Churchill posted a key victory Thursday in the KLAAs South Division with a 2-1 triumph at home against previously unbeaten Plymouth.

The win improves the Chargers' overall record to 4-1 and 3-1 in the KLAAs South. Plymouth falls to 3-1 and 2-1.

Churchill's Darcy DeRoo opened the scoring at the 11-minute mark on a perfectly timed header off a corner kick from Bailey Brandon.

"It was on a rope," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. Brandon then set up Churchill's second goal at the

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37-minute mark on a cross to Alyssa Mira.

"Alyssa really got off the mark for the first time this season and really created a lot of chances," Hebestreit said. "And I thought Hannah Otto up-top did a great job of maintaining possession, checking back on balls and controlling the play."

Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs scored at 39 minutes, but the Wildcats couldn't score the equalizer against Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner, who to make only one save. Goalkeeper Marissa Williams made two key stops for the Wildcats to open the second half.

Churchill 8, Dearborn 0: Bailey Brandon scored a pair of unassisted first-half goals Friday as host Livonia Churchill (5-1) breezed past the Pioneers (2-3-1) in a non-league encounter.

Brandon scored at the 30th and 40th minutes of the opening half.

Shari Zalkowski added another unassisted goal three minutes into the second half when tucked a shot just under the right post from 25 yards out. Lindsay McMullen completed the Churchill scoring unassisted in the 78th minute.

Goalkeepers Stefanie Turner (46 minutes) and Megan Bauman (34 minutes) combined on the shutout.

Late goal gives Glenn 1st win

Westland John Glenn's Jenna Williams scored from 30 yards out on a direct free kick with only five minutes remaining to give Westland John Glenn its first girls soccer win of the season, 1-0, over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Glenn improved to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAs South Division, while Franklin falls to 1-6 and 1-3.

"Megan Nikula had a couple of good (scoring) chances for us, but their goalie (Lexi Smith) was amazing," said Glenn rookie coach Jimmy Mortada, who notched his first win of the year.

Junior Katie Yax got the shutout in goal for the Rockets.

"We had good moments in which we created some decent opportunities, but they were minimal," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We struggled early on to adjust to the more aggressive style that Glenn brought to the field and we never really found a way to play the way we wanted to."

On Friday, Glenn gave up a pair of wind-blown goals in the first half in losing to host Garden City, 2-0.

The Cougars are 2-3 overall, while Glenn falls to 1-5 overall.

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HARTLAND 8, WAYNE 0: On Friday, host Wayne Memorial (1-7) was mercied by the Eagles (7-0-1) of the KLAAs Lakes Conference's West Division.

LIGGETT 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Unassisted goals by Mariah Passalacqua, Paige Counsman and Natalie Peracchio carried host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (1-0-1) to the Metro Conference victory Friday over Lutheran High Westland (1-2, 1-2).

Sarah Frusti had the lone goal for the Warriors.

MERCY 2, LADYWOOD 1: On Thursday, visiting Farmington Hills Mercy (3-3, 1-3) rallied for a pair of second-half goals to beat Livonia Ladywood (4-2-1, 2-2-1) in a Catholic League Central Division match.

Ladywood's Lindsay Maier scored in the eighth minute off a restart from Alessia Vagnini.

Freshman Elaina Weber scored the game-winning goal from freshman Makenzie Williams in the 53rd minute after Jordan Mueller (committed to Michigan State) tallied the equalizer from Kirstie Racinski in the 50th minute.

"For the most part we were able to contain Mueller, but all it took was one breakdown and she took advantage," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said.

Ladywood goalkeeper Michele Ring had six saves, while Mercy counterpart Nicole Gaudino had to stop only two.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, the host Chiefs (2-1, 2-0) got two

goals apiece from Tracy Rymph, Christy Balewski and Megan Staub and single goals to beat visiting Wayne Memorial (1-6, 1-3) in a KLAAs South Division matchup that ended in the 46th minute because of the eight-goal mercy rule.

Leslie Weisz and Melanie Pickert had the other Canton goals, while Lindsey Winters notched a pair of assists for the winners.

Samantha McPartlin recorded the shutout for the Chiefs, who led 6-0 at halftime.

NOVI 5, STEVENSON 0: The Wildcats (6-2-1, 3-1) got a hat trick from Nikki Greenhalgh in a KLAAs Central Division triumph Thursday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (4-4, 3-1).

"We played surprisingly uninspired," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta, whose team trailed 2-0 at intermission. "I was very disappointed in our effort tonight, I know we're better than what we showed. High school soccer takes a lot of energy, grit, and determination. Novi had a lot of that tonight, we didn't bring any."

Tara Johnston was in goal for the Spartans.

LUTH. WESTLAND 3, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Allyson Yankee scored a pair of goals Wednesday to propel host Lutheran High Westland (1-1, 1-1) to the Metro Conference triumph over Livonia Clarenceville (1-4, 0-1).

Taylor Wiemer also had an unassisted goal for the victorious Warriors, while Sarah Frusti assisted on both of Yankee's goals.

Tori Bunker had a goal and assist for the Trojans, while Kristen Jolly also scored for Clarenceville.


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to tie the game in the seventh and win it in the eighth.

Damien Sanchez (2-for-3, RBI), Damien Quarles (2-for-2, RBI, two stolen bases), Mike Schiffman (2-for-4, stolen base), Matt Kurdziel (2-for-4) and Eric Trotter (2-for-3) all had multiple-hit games for Clarenceville.

LUTHERAN NORTH 9, LUTH. WESTLAND 2: The oft-delayed start to the regular



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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA CITY BOYS TRACK MEET RESULTS
April 23 at Stevenson
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 97; 2. Livonia Churchill, 69; 3. Livonia Franklin, 67; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 23.
Shot put: 1. Deon Clemons (C), 47 feet, 10.25 inches; 2. Taylor Hall (Cville), 43-11.25; 3. Jarius Woolfork (LF), 43-8; 4. Nate Coleman (LF), 43-7.75; 5. Jon Aneed (LS), 43-11.5.
Discus: 1. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 146-2; 2. Coleman (LF), 138-4; 3. Andrew Jaster (Cville), 125-8; 4. Joe Haapala (C), 119-8; 5. Aneed (LS), 118-5.
High jump: 1. Kevin Beadle (LF), 6-3; 2. Jamie Stewart (Cville), 6-3; 3. Hudson Cadet (LF), 6-1; 4. Tony Lawson (Cville), 5-11; 5. Mike Appel (C), 5-11.
Long jump: 1. David Simor (LS), 21-12.5; 2. Isaac Cadet (LF), 20-11.25; 3. Lawson (Cville), 20-4.5; 4. Nate Serjion (LS), 19-8; 5. Valentino Benavides (LF), 19-1.
Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (C), 15-8; 2.

2:07.5; 4. Ryan Keeling (C), 2:07.72; 5. Brian Fenech (LS), 2:08.35.
1,600: 1. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:39.2; 2. Josh Andaloro (C), 4:51.27; 3. Joe Urso (LS), 4:53.19; 4. Nik Gherardini (LF), 4:53.76; 5. John Lynch (LS), 4:56.03.
3,200: 1. Howse (LS), 10:06.4; 2. Austin Jones (LF), 10:37.78; 3. Quinn Osgood (C), 10:43.51; 4. Mark Freyberg (C), 10:43.86; 5. Urso (LS), 10:57.67.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Josh Dillard, Scott Coppola, Fiezell, Easterling), 43.84; 2. Stevenson, 44.03; 3. Franklin, 44.89.
800 relay: 1. Stevenson (White, Serjion, Jacob Gudeman, Anagnostou), 1:30.22; 2. Churchill, 1:30.39; 3. Franklin, 1:32.77.
1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Williams, Simor, Stephen Pollard, Serjion), 3:32.2; 2. Churchill, 3:33.64; 3. Franklin, 3:43.74.
3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Fenech, Adam Dabkowski, Travis Gosselein, Plisko), 8:24.63; 2. Churchill, 8:25.62; 3. Franklin, 8:42.03.

400: 1. Anagnostou (LS), 22.8; 2. Tony Frazzell (C), 23.34; 3. Easterling (C), 23.43; 4. Voegelé (LF), 23.48; 5. Austin White (LS), 23.76.
400: 1. Serjion (LS), 51.07; 2. Matt Williams (LS), 51.92; 3. Mike Schmidt (C), 52.24; 4. Mike Beasley (LF), 52.92; 5. Stewart (Cville), 52.95.
800: 1. Eric Plisko (LS), 2:05.5; 2. Ryan Tarhanich (LF), 2:06.65; 3. Jordan Burger (LS),

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Churchill was led by senior Derik Peterman, who bettered his own school-record in the pole vault by clearing 15 feet, 8 inches. He also captured the 110 hurdles (15.37).

Churchill's other individual first came from Deon Clemons in the shot put.

The Chargers' Josh Dillard, Scott Coppola, Tony Frazzell and Devon Easterling took the

4 x 100 relay in 43.84. "I'm really proud of our City champion Derik Peterman in the pole vault and high hurdles, also breaking his pole vault record with a 15-8 performance," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "And Deon Clemons in the shot put held off an excellent field of throwers, along with our 4 x 100 relay team, who are running two-tenths (of a second) off state qualifying times in both speed relays."

Meanwhile, Franklin's firsts came from Kevin Beadle in

the high jump (6-3) and Sean McAuliffe in the discus (146-2). "You need depth in each event to win this and our team just isn't ready yet to produce multiple places," Austin said. "Stevenson certainly had them and their score reflected that. Congratulations to Stevenson, the victor. And kudos to coach (Pat) Koelzer and his staff at Franklin who I think are doing a great job with that program scoring 67 points."

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

NOVI 9 LIVONIA STEVENSON 0
April 23 at Novi
No. 1 singles: Amanda Border (N) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Sara Carlson (N) def. Carli Marschner, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Abby Wang (N) def. Gabrielle Sabatini, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jennifer Felcher (N) def. Laura Gumpfer, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Lauren Felcher-Julia Thomas (N) def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jenny Snyder-Michelle Barber (N) def. Christine Steimeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Andrea Lollo-Meegle Riegel (N) def. Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Natalie Murphy-Shaheen Sheikh (N) def. Michele DeBeaudry-Andrea Burford, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Ashley Aljajah-Navya Talluri (N) def. Simona Enea-Kesley Futrell, 6-2, 6-0.
Stevenson's dual match record: 2-4 overall, 1-3 KLA Central Division.

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
April 23 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Janelle Burds (C) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Vicki Chen (C) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Megan Leung (C) def. Jessica Gush, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Rachel Youssef (C) def. Xiyun

Wang, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Paige Babala-Kayla Davis (C) def. Kara Windsor-Madelynn Bevil, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Katie Noetzel-Jacklyn Hollingsworth (C) def. Nancy Watson-Kelsi Thomas, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Catherine Sancturion-Brittany Vance (C) def. Alicia Evans-Calee Parendo, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Michelle Nagy-Jordan Boeve (C) def. Megan McGregor-Melinda Powers, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 5:** Maggie DePentu-Nikita Bhatnagar (C) def. Victoria Baker-Samantha Collins, 6-4, 6-1.
Wayne's dual match record: 0-3 overall, 0-2 KLA South Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3
April 22 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Kaitlyn Foster, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 2:** Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Nicole Kruse, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; **No. 3:** Kelly Houghton (LF) def. Angela Tomassini, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Rebecca Fenner (LF) def. Kristi Fata, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Kristi Walker-Vial Ross (C) def. Jennifer Rallinger-Crystal Henderson, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Nikki Fata-Cortney Bennett (C) def. Stephanie Belcher-Angela Tomassini, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jessica McClain-Mallison Gale (C) def. Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Kaitlin Griffith-Maria Paul (C)

def. Kate Zurenko-Annie McLeod, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 5:** Shreea Handa-Lauren Patla (C) def. Angela Browning-Jaclyn Kurc, 6-3, 6-1.
Dual match records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 2-0 KLA South Division; Franklin, 2-3 overall, 1-1 KLA South Division.

NORTHVILLE 9 LIVONIA STEVENSON 0
April 22 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Haley Johnston (N) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Tayna Joseph (N) def. Carli Marschner, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Joanne Weber (N) def. Gabrielle Sabatini, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Erin Doud (N) def. Laura Gumpfer, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Abby Grajek-Sabrina Masciulli (N) def. Christine Steimeyer-Daniel Jagodzinski, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Maudie Smith-Amy Bernstein (N) def. Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Valerie Jaun-Mackenzie Powers (N) def. Michele DeBeaudry-Andrea Burford, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 5:** Caiti Barish-Jenna Grezik (N) def. Simona Enea-Kesley Futrell, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual meet record: Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-3 overall, 1-2 KLA Central.

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It's amazing what people will do to have fun. Ken Heim joined the Livonia Civic Chorus 10 years ago so he would have somewhere to sing besides the shower. He never dreamed he would be dressing



Linda Chomin

up as a frog for the spring show. Heim isn't playing any amphibian though. The Westland man dons the green suit as Kermit for Earth Tones, the chorus' concerts

Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

A mild-mannered retired teacher who taught at Thurston High School in Redford, Heim performs *Bein' Green* in keeping with the theme which revolves around saving our planet. He just hopes he can remember all of his lines as the Livonia Civic Chorus memorizes all of their music. For this concert that means 16 songs including *Colors of the Wind* from *Pocahontas*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*, *Blue Skies*, *For Good* from *Wicked*, and *What a Wonderful World*.

"I enjoy it. I'm not really a ham but don't mind being in front of people and doing some things," said Heim. "I'm just glad it's Kermit and not something else."

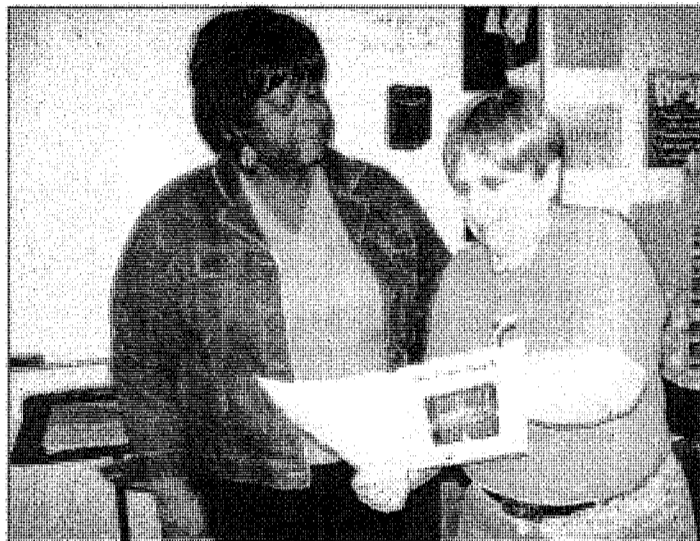
Peggy Gaskill and rest of the members are never quite sure what director Donna Gleason will ask of them and that keeps the chorus exciting. Gaskill joined two years ago after semi-retiring as an educational consultant. The Livonia Civic Chorus rehearses weekly for the concerts they present at the holidays and in spring with accompaniment by Rimma Stolbov. Established in 1965, the chorus has 50 members this season. Proceeds from the shows go to scholarships for high school and college students pursuing musical studies.

"Donna is a fearless lead-



PHOTOS BY PEGGY GASKILL

Livonia Civic Chorus member Sharon Jones helps Kermit (Ken Heim) try on his frog costume for 'Bein' Green,' one of the songs performed at the group's spring concert May 2-3, at Clarenceville High School.



Livonia Civic Chorus director Donna Gleason (right) looks over 'The Color Purple' with soloist Marilyn Bell-Maxwell.

er. We do a lot of the silly things we do because she talks us into it," said Gaskill of Livonia. "She looks for themes with social relevance but also hope that people who come enjoy these songs and do a little toe-tapping with us."

Like Gaskill, Gleason had always wanted to be part of a community choir. She directed the music ministry at Redford Baptist Church for 22 years.

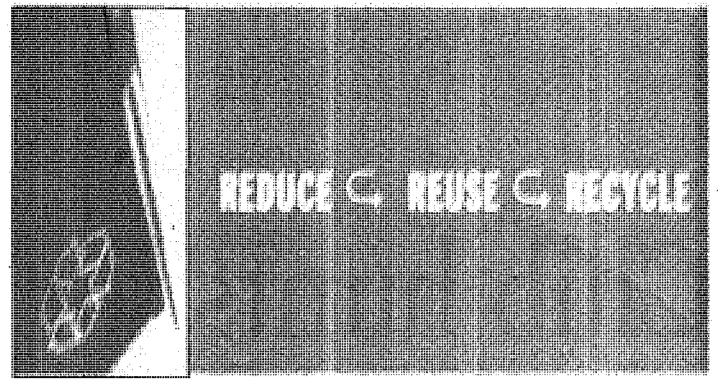
"Being able to sing together as a group and enjoy music is an important outlet for people. If it weren't for church and community choruses people would never get a chance to sing," said Gleason, a Farmington Hills resident. Gleason started off as an accompanist for the Livonia Civic Chorus and took over directing six years ago. She works as an accompanist at Walled Lake Western High School where she serves as

vocal director of musicals and has a knack for moving productions along. It's apparent Gleason put a lot of thought into the spring Livonia Civic Chorus program.

"I came up with the concept of songs about going green because that's what everybody is talking about these days. Everybody is concerned about the environment and saving the earth. I try very hard not to do the same old same old. We usually do something in a foreign language. This time it's a Celtic song and we have slides to go with that to show just how beautiful our world is."

Curtain times for the Livonia Civic Chorus concerts are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 children/seniors, and available at the door or by calling (248) 543-2946. For more information about the chorus, visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.



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Presented by Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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Many people are not aware of the many ways in which oral health is linked with overall health. For instance, according to a survey recently conducted by the Academy of General Dentistry, nearly 60% of those surveyed did not know that a painful jaw is one warning sign that may indicate an impending heart attack. Thus, a visit to the dentist may be a patient's first sign of an impending dangerous heart event. In fact, research indicates that over 90% of systemic diseases have oral symptoms. With this in mind, careful dental examinations of patients with a history of heart disease (or other conditions) for signs of oral pain, infection, or inflammation is crucial to overall health.

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NEIGHBORS

Club hunts for hidden treasures

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

It was a beautiful day for treasure hunting a week ago Thursday in Rotary Park in Livonia. More than a dozen people of all ages scurried around with metal detectors in search of coins and tokens at the event staged by Michigan Treasure Hunters.

The club usually attracts around 100 members to its monthly meeting at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. The next meeting should draw an even larger crowd with the group's annual open house Tuesday, April 28. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m.

Members vie to win awards for the best finds at every meeting including the upcoming open house.

"It's a family-oriented club with activities throughout the year including an annual fall hunt in Milan," said Dave Picard, chairman of the board and a Livonia resident. "The April meeting is a big meeting when members display their finds throughout the year. The winners of different categories are broken down into jewelry, coins, tokens and relics. Last year, one woman found a \$33,000 diamond ring. I was a relic winner for finding a 10,000-year-old fossil. You might find a Roy Rogers cap gun, old metal toys and trucks. It's basically a fun thing."

When Al Temple founded the club 36 years ago, only 11 treasure hunters showed up at the first meeting. Today, the club has 120-130 members. Metal detectors can be as inexpensive as \$100, making the hobby affordable. Members also sell reasonably priced used equipment at meetings.

"I thought, wouldn't it be nice to find things and talk with other people about how much fun it was," said Temple, 80. "We put on a display at Livonia Mall and as a result had 63 people at the next meeting."

In recent years, many of the members learned about the club from the Web site, www.michigan-treasurehunters.com.



The Michigan Treasure Hunters club gathers at Rotary Park in Livonia a week ago Thursday for a seeded hunt.



Joanne Rundell searches for treasure. Behind her, Lynn Walker digs after hearing a signal or beep through her headphones.

[treasurehunters.com](http://www.michigan-treasurehunters.com).

Joanne Rundell joined 18 years ago. Members are still talking about her finding an 18K and platinum butterfly brooch valued at \$5,000.

"I thought it was junk but brushed off the dirt and uncovered 61 diamonds plus rubies and emeralds," said Rundell. "It's thought to be probably from 1834."

The club brings in authorities monthly to educate members about their finds. Some specialize in collecting certain items.

"We just had an authority on the Civil War," said Picard. "We've had Detroit Police Dive and Rescue ...

an authority on dog licenses."

PART OF HISTORY

Voice after voice chimes in about the fun and history involved with the hobby.

"We've made a lot of people into historians," said Sherry Klisz of Livonia, who shares her love of detecting with husband Tom. "The meetings are interesting. You would not believe what comes out of there."

Mark Branton holds up a cast iron soldier from World War II.

"The kids used to play with these," said Branton. "When you find something and don't know what it is you Google it. We find bullets, buckles. When we find beer cans, pull tabs we take those away."

The club's motto is to leave the area cleaner than when they found it. Except for a few areas of disturbed sod, park visitors would never guess a seeded hunt had occurred.

"We have taken hunts once a month when we plant silver coins and tokens in the ground," said Picard.

"You can go into most state parks but we don't detect in cemeteries or hallowed ground," said Sherry Klisz. "We have certain standards."

"A lot of good service comes out of this too," added Tom Klisz. "If someone loses something, they contact us. It's a service we do."

GOOD WORKS

The nonprofit club is "big on community service." At Christmas, they purchase Toys for Tots and in September hold a hunt to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation. One of their members died from kidney disease. All of the merchandise is donated.

Kayla Branton, Mark's 14-year-old daughter, joined a couple of years ago. She is a student at Stevenson High School and is busy with the track team but still found time to come to the Thursday hunt.

"At first I had to come because I didn't have a baby sitter but then I got into it," said Kayla Branton of Livonia. "There's a bunch of people you know and share a hobby."

"We even have a legally blind member that regularly goes on hunts outdoors with us," said Picard. "It's fun. It's like Christmas."

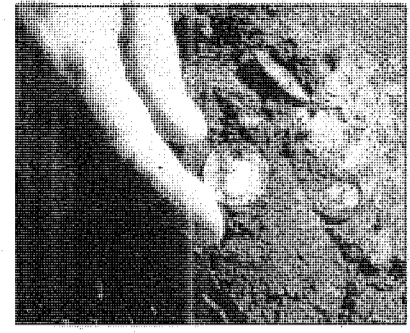
This was the first hunt for Alex Ferguson, 14, a Stevenson student. "I thought it would be fun being able to find things no one else can find," said Ferguson.

John Parker, 13, regularly attends the hunts with uncle Dwayne Seyuin of Redford.

"I wanted to show him there's other sports out there, different types of hunting, and it's good exercise," said Seyuin. "I think we make a difference. We go on playgrounds and find nails and things that kids cut themselves on. We're doing a good service to keep kids safe."

Michigan Treasure Hunters meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. To contact the club, write Michigan Treasure Hunters, P.O. Box 510237, Livonia, MI 48151-6237.

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Find enough quarters and dimes and you've paid for the treasure hunting equipment. Metal detectors cost between \$100 and \$1,000.



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David Jaeger searches a field for tokens and coins during a Michigan Treasure Hunters event in Livonia.



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ROLLER SPORT EXHIBITIONS

Riverside Arena Skating Club presents, An Evening of Champions, Speed and Artistic Roller Sport Exhibitions on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the arena, 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Admission is \$5 per person, children 5 years and under free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show begins at 5:45 p.m.

PLYMOUTH STAMP SHOW

The 40th annual show with more than 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada continues 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth Central Middle School at Church and Main, Plymouth. Admission is free for the show sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp club. For details, visit www.plymouthshow.com.

TOMMY AUDITIONS

Destination Theatre announces open auditions for The Who's rock opera, Tommy, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton. Call backs 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Children's auditions 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Show dates are July 23-25, and July 31 to Aug. 1-2. Visit destinationtheatre.org for details.

The theater group is looking for individuals who can sing, dance and or act to fill lead and ensemble roles. Those auditioning should be age 18 or older. Young boys and girls auditioning for the Young Tommy role must be age 8 to 13 and accompanied by an adult.

GO GREEN

The Green Street Fair comes to Plymouth noon to 7 p.m. Friday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 3. The fair was founded to help educate the public about the benefits of organic and eco-friendly products and services and features green companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers.

For more information, visit greenstreetfair.com or call (734) 259-2983.

KIDS BLACK TIE GALA

Kids Now Learning and Development Center, a non-profit learning and development center in the Wayne/

Westland school district, will be selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash giveaway at its For the Kids Black Tie Gala Sunday, July 26, at the Barrister House Banquet Facility of St. Clair Shores (the winner does not have to be present to claim prize). he tickets for the drawing will be sold at \$125.00 per person. Proceeds benefit the children of the center which plans to build a new playground this summer. For more information, visit www.kidsnowlearning.org or call (734) 457-2397.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 8 04/20/09**

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrler, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
64-Appr. minutes of 4/6/09.
-Appr. req. from Friendship Ctr. to host Senior Olympics Bike Race on 8/18/09 at 8:30 a.m. and to close Carlson & Marquette rds. for 1 hrs.
-Appr. req. from Wayne Memorial to hold flower sale at Wayne Lawn & Garden on 5/9/09 & 5/10/09.
-Appr. req. from Westland Shopping Ctr. to hold a carnival in the east lot, portion of proceeds to benefit Westland PD.
-Appr. req. of Westland Firefighters to hold annual Children's Safety Carnival at Wayne-Ford Civic League on 4/29/09 through 5/3/09.
-Appr. bid for weed cutting to ENS Seasonal Services & AK Lawncare, amt. not to exceed \$40,000.00
-Appr. bid for new telephone system to Techmode, amt. \$174,685.38 financed over 48 mths.
-Appr. bid for carpet replacement at Friendship Ctr., to Cohn's Commercial Floors, amt. \$17,350.00.
65-Appr. req. from Am. Leg. #251 to hold poppy sale from 5/15/09-5/17/09 at Wayne & Ford.
66-Appr. req. of VFW #9885 to hold poppy sale from 5/7/09-5/9/09 at Ford & Hix.
67-Closed public hearing on CDBG, year XXXV.
68-Appr. 1 yr. ext. of PD #2164, prop. addition to VFW #6896 PID 002-99-0014-000, s.e. Joy & Middlebelt.
69-Appr. Spec. Land Use, Verizon Wireless 120' Monopole & Telecommunications Facility, 27675 Joy Rd, PID 001-99-0038-000 & -0039-000, s. of Joy, w. of Inkster.
70-Appr. Spec. Land Use, Verizon Wireless 120- Monopole & Telecommunications Facility, 37550 Cherry Hill, PID 052-99-0023-701, n. of Cherry Hill, w. of Newburgh w/contingencies.
71-Appr. Site Plan, Surgical Center, 33535 Cherry Hill, PID 061-01-0029-000, -0033-022, & 0036-002 w/contingencies.
72-Appr. Spec. Land Use-Sonic Rest., 7725 N. Wayne, PID 015-99-0008-004, n.w. corner Wayne & Central City Pky.
73-Appr. Site Plan-Sonic Rest., 7725 N. Wayne, PID 015-99-0008-004, n.w. corner Wayne & Central City Pky.
74-Appr. Spec. Land Use-Joe's Coney Island, 1912 S. Venoy PID 074-03-0009-000, s.w. corner Venoy & Palmér.
75-Granted req. of J. Matar for letter of support to utilize TURBO TAX PROGRAM
76-Conf. appt. of E. Rice to Library Board, term to exp. 2/6/11.
77-Appr. checklist: \$2,469,839.36 & Prepaid: \$13,481,712.31 Mtg. adj. at 8:45 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's office.

James Godbout Council President Eileen DeHart, CMC City Clerk

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**ELECTION NOTICE
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2009 FOR
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CITIES OF LIVONIA & WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular School Election of Livonia Public Schools School District will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

The Polls of Election will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:
Livonia Public Schools - School Board
2 - Four (4) year terms

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Precinct	Location	Address
City of Livonia Precincts:		
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3B	Webster School	32401 Pembroke
4A	Dickinson Center	18000 Newburgh Road
7A	Dickinson Center	18000 Newburgh Road
8A	Dickinson Center	18000 Newburgh Road
9A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
10A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
11A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
12A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
13A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
14A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
15A	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
16A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
(consolidated 16B & 17B)	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
17A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
18A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
19A	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
19B	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
20A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
21A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
(consolidated 22A & 22B)	Kennedy School	14201 Hubbard Road
(consolidated 23A & 23B)	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24B	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
(consolidated 25A & 36A)	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
(consolidated 31A & 31B)	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
32A	Garfield School	10218 Arthur Avenue
33A	Garfield School	10218 Arthur Avenue
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(consolidated 35B & 35C)	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Avenue
35B	McKinley Center	9101 Hillcrest Avenue
36B	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue
City of Westland Precincts:		
(consolidated 12 & 35)	Cooper School	28550 Ann Arbor Trail
(consolidated 15 & 16)	Greenwood Villa	7600 Nankin Ct.
(consolidated 21 & 42)	Johnson School	8400 Hix
25	Cooper School	28550 Ann Arbor Trail
27	Western Wayne Skill Center	8075 Ritz
30	Hayes School	30600 Louise
36	Western Wayne Skill Center	8075 Ritz
40	Hellenic Cultural Center	36375 Joy Road
41	Hellenic Cultural Center	36375 Joy Road

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

VOTER INSTRUCTIONS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT

To comply with the voting accessibility requirements, the voting instructions will be provided on CD. Any voters who request the voting instructions in an "alternative format" in advance of the election will be supplied with a copy of the CD. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in an "alternative format" should be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Election. In an instance where a voter contacts his or her local clerk in advance of the election to request that the voter instructions be available in an "alternative format" in the polls, the clerk will arrange to have a CD player available in the polling place.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

LINDA GRIMSBY
Livonia City Clerk

EILEEN DeHART
Westland City Clerk

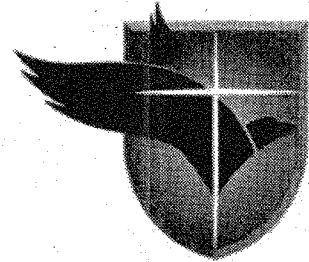
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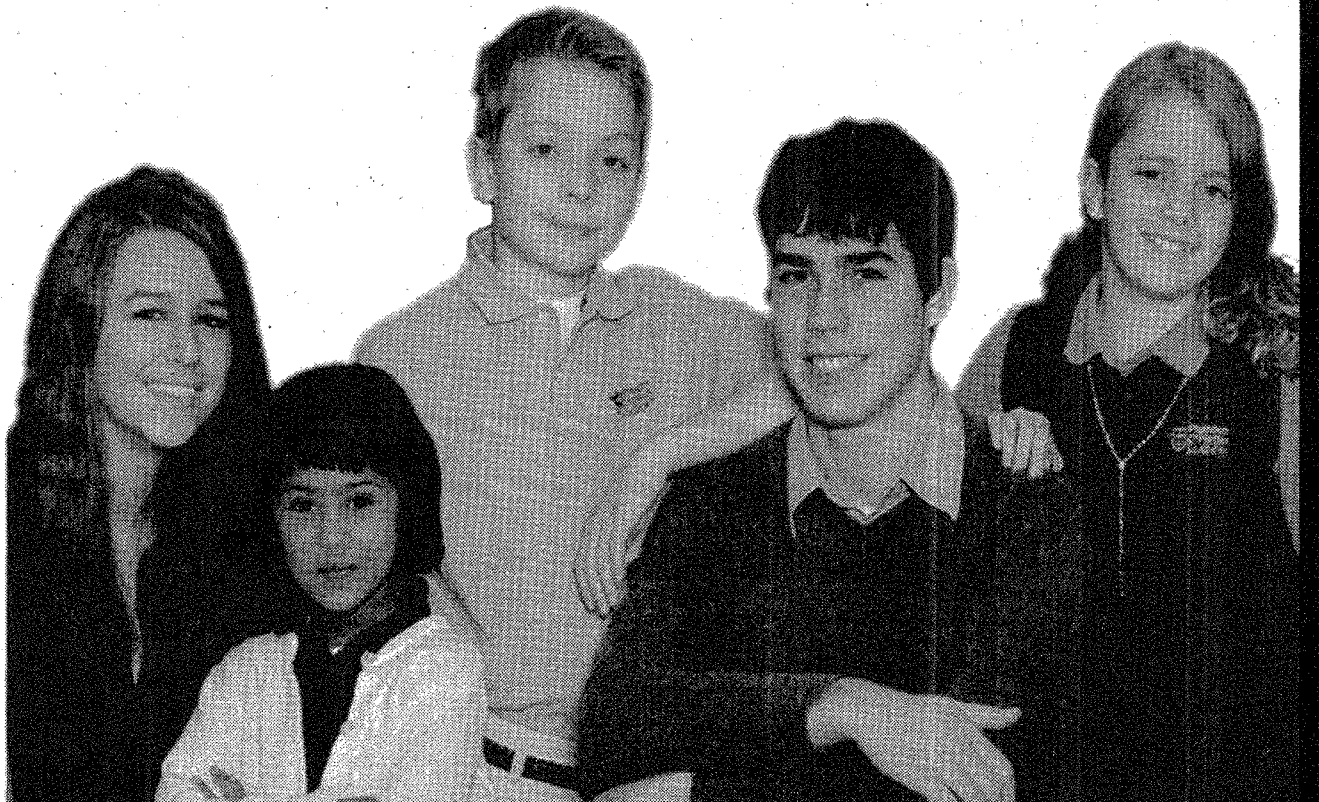
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GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

At the DIA
Chris Giftos, a New York florist, will lecture and demonstrate flower arranging at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, in downtown Detroit. A luncheon will follow his presentation. Giftos retired as director of special events and chief floral designer at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art after 33 years of creating floral arrangements for special events at the prestigious museum.

During his career as a master floral artist, he created arrangements for princes, movie stars and famous philanthropists. In addition to creating floral masterpieces, Giftos will sign copies of "The Art of Floral Arranging," the latest book in which he is highlighted. Books will be available for purchase at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the lecture and demonstration are \$25. The lecture, demonstration, and luncheon tickets are \$50. For reservations, call (313) 833-4005 or go to dia.org. For more information, call (313) 833-7967.

Plant sale
The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

(MBGNA) will hold its 29th Annual Spring Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9, and noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Nearly 25,000 pots of perennials, native plants, accent annuals, climbing vines, herbs, scented geraniums, edible offerings such as strawberries, rhubarb, onion and shallots sets, seed potatoes, and other plant varieties will be sold. MBGNA members may attend a party and plant sale from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 8. Local garden experts and MBGNA staff will offer free demonstrations. Visit www.mbgna.umich.edu or call (734) 647-7600.

MILESTONES

Golson-Brazier

Cristie Elizabeth Golson and Tim Brazier, both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

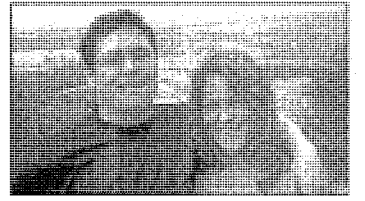
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Art and Gloria Cook of Lexington, S.C. and Carter and Beth Golson of Indian Trail, N.C. She's a graduate student at Madonna University and is employed by Coram HealthCare, Novi. Her fiancé, son of Normie Brazier of Westland, is employed by Outback Steakhouse, Ann Arbor.

No wedding date has been set.



Golson-Brazier

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Mark and Alicia Hosch

Mark Jared and Alicia Elizabeth (Graves) Hosch of Canton will celebrate their first anniversary next month.

The couple married May 31, 2008 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, in Livonia.

They enjoy watching their son, Bryce Graves, play hockey. They also golf, ski and enjoy nature together as a family.

Food, fashion and fun set for show

The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show will offer food, fashion and fun Thursday-Sunday, April 30-May 3, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"Girlfriends, sisters, mothers and daughters will get the jump on the new spring looks and lifestyles," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows. "We have all the best in shopping, make overs, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and much more."

Justin Martin from *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* who plays Donny, the sophomore ball boy on the basketball team at East High, will answer questions and sign autographs on Saturday.

Gabrielle 'Gabby' Reece, Women's Beach Volleyball League star and one of ESPN world's sexiest athletes, will share her health and fitness tips to help women make practical choices for on-the-go, active lifestyles. Reece has appeared on *The Rachael Ray Show* and has been featured in *Shape* magazine.

Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney will explain her junking secrets through the practice of reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurpose for finding and transforming junk furnishings and accessories into treasured items. Whitney's presentation

will be sponsored by Salvation Army, which will have a boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale in addition to having staff members modeling clothing items on the runway on Saturday.

Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strykowski will share his passion for food and entertaining on Friday by creating his low calorie, full-flavored recipes for slow cooking in a crock pot, cooking on a budget and fun, fast and delicious dinners. A free magazine will be given to the first 1,000 showgoers.

Swimwear designer Carol Wior will divulge "Swimsuits Slim Secrets" at the Fashion Stage with tips to enhance and maximize any woman's figure and tricks to hide flaws.

Free health screenings for total cholesterol level, blood pressure reading, bone density testing, glucose level and other tests will be available at the AARP/Walgreens Wellness exhibit along with health education materials.

Product sampling, beauty treatments and mini-makeovers with Artistry skin care and cosmetics also will be available.

Executive Chef Paul Penney from Aussie in the Kitchen, a personal chef service, will share techniques and recipes dur-

ing his demonstrations on the Cooking Stage.

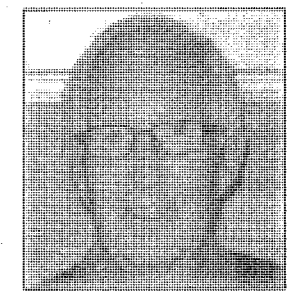
The latest developments in women's health, cardiology and pediatrics will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. Doctors from all areas of medicine will be on hand to answer individual health related questions during their Doctors Are In session on Saturday.

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; youth 6-12 pay \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to *Ladies Home Journal*, are \$8 online.

Showgoers can bring clothing and household goods to the Salvation Army's donation site set up at Rock Financial Showplace's main entrance and receive a tax receipt and \$2 off on-site adult admission purchase.

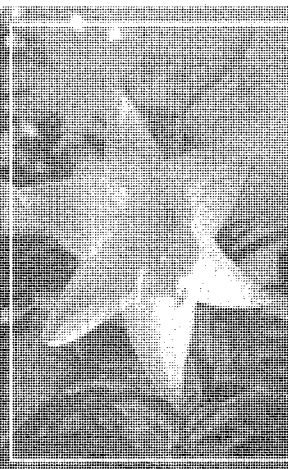
On site parking is available for \$5. For more information and exhibitor coupons, visit www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call (800) 849-0248.

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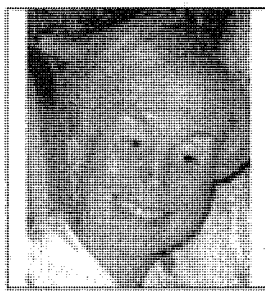
ARVID (BILL) WILLIAM JOHNSON

1/19/1928 - 4/21/09. Age 81, of Beverly Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Anita (Deutsch). Father of Russell (Gin) Johansson, Mark Johnson and Kristine Seymour. Loving grandfather of Alex, Kayann, Lauren, Austin and Mary. Brother of Arlette (Bob) Stock and Darlene (Harry) Bolz. Arvid was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 19, 1928. He served in the Navy in 1946-1948. He moved to Michigan in 1952 and lived in Farmington and later Beverly Hills. He was a partner in the sales agency of Frank J. Brady and associates and later formed AWJ and Associates. He was President and CEO of Specialty Screw Corporation of Rockford, IL. He was a long standing member of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI and a member in the Thorn Ministry at St. Brendans Catholic Church in Clearwater, FL. He served on the board of Goodwill Industries of Detroit. He was a Senior member at the Detroit Athletic Club and a Lifetime Member at Meadowbrook Country Club. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills Sunday, 4/26 3:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills 4/27, 11:00 a.m. Donations may be made to: Goodwill Industries of Detroit or Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, MI.



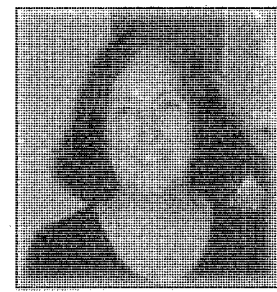
HELEN M. O'CONNOR

Age 92, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2009. Beloved wife of the late James O'Connor. Loving mother of Mary Eddy (James). Grandmother of Suzanne Tempelhof (Michael) and Allison Barbary (Scott). Memorial Mass will be held on May 2nd at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury, MA. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



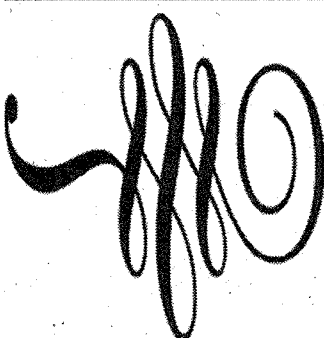
MARGARET JEAN WALTERS

Of Columbia, South Carolina passed away on April 14, 2009. Margie had moved to South Carolina in 2005 after dividing her busy life between Naples, Florida and Orchard Lake, Michigan. Cherished daughter of Stuart and Florence Cogsdill, Margie was born on July 20, 1920 at Keifer Hospital in Detroit. After attending Jefferson Jr. High and Miss Newman's School in Detroit during the heart of the Great Depression, Margie attended Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, receiving a B.A. in Economics & Sociology in 1942. The fact that Margie did not see since birth was never a factor in the high expectations that her parents placed before her. A handicap was not allowed as an excuse. Their demands of excellence became her personal standards in business, marriage, family-life, volunteerism and friendship. Margie was married to Gene Alexander White of Grosse Pointe in the summer of 1942. Gene pre-deceased her in 1973. After WWII, the couple lived on Meyers Road in Detroit and Pine Lake in Oakland County eventually settling on Glenhurst Road in Birmingham. Between 1947 and 1960, four children were adopted; Stuart White (Suzanne) of Ann Arbor, Cynthia Perthou (Peter) of Blythewood, SC, Gordon White (Sonya) of Blythewood, SC and Marilyn Gaither (Todd) of Elgin, SC. Additionally, Margie is survived by her sister, Kathryn Fife (Robert) of Chapel Hill, NC; three nieces, Pam Bird (David) of West Bloomfield, MI, Katie Edelstein (David) of Bellingham, WA and Mariann Knapp (Randy) of Lyndon, WA along with one nephew, Robert S. Fife (Mimi) of Madison, CT. Margie has five grandchildren; Megan Roether (Brian) of Plymouth, MI, Caleb B. White of Hilton Head Island, SC, Stuart Neil White of Blythewood, SC, Margaret Ann Gaither of Elgin, SC and Alex Gaither of Elgin, SC. She has one great-grandchild, Josephine Margaret Roether of Plymouth, MI. Margie was the President of The Junior League in Birmingham from 1956-58. She was a Board member of the Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic from 1955-60 and a Board member at Brookside School from 1959-62. The Detroit Rotary Club awarded her their "Exceptional Woman of the Year" award in 1962. From 1965-67, Margie was a Founder and Board member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Teen Center. She served on the Cranbrook School New Horizon Board from 1974-76 and was Small Business Chair of the Detroit Symphony Fund Drive from 1971-74. Additionally, she was a Board member of The Boys Clubs of Detroit from 1974-76 and a member of The Vestry at Christ Church Cranbrook. Margie became the Chairperson of the family company, Cogsdill Tool Products in 1974, serving in that capacity until 1992. The tool company was moved from Detroit to Farmington Hills and finally to Camden, SC in 1977. Her chairpersonship was marked with acute attention to business detail and a phrase she loved to use with regard to management, "Hold their feet to the fire!" In 1978, Margie married William Walters, the next president of the family company. Their love for each other and their business leadership was a terrific combination that endured until his death in 1992. Margie left her Orchard Lake home in 2003, moving to Bloomfield Hills and eventually to Naples, FL when retirement beckoned. As her world became smaller, she moved closer to three of her children in Columbia, SC. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit has already taken place. Margie's family invites all who wish to remember her life to attend a Memorial Service at 11 am on Thursday, May 7 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Donations in her memory can be made to The Oakland County Library For The Visually & Physically Impaired at 1200 N. Telegraph, Bldg. 14E, Pontiac, MI, 48341. Checks should be made out to the "Oakland County Library Foundation", in the memory of Margaret J. Walters. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



TERRI Y. (LOGAN) TREST

Age 59, died February 10, 2009 in a multiple-vehicle accident in Reeves County, Texas. A memorial service is scheduled 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9th at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Southaven, MS. Terri was born in Memphis. She was a graduate of Horn Lake High School, Northwest Community College and USM. She was employed at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Michigan where she worked with children and where she attended Trinity Episcopal Church. She and her husband of 36 years recently retired to Foley, Alabama. She will be missed by many. She is survived by her husband William J. (Jim) Trest, Jr., daughters Heather Trest of Florida, and Kristin Trest of Arizona, mother Jimmie Logan, and brother Boyd "Bubba" Logan, Jr., sisters Gina Kestler and Donna Harper and many beloved nieces and nephews. She will be interred by the family at the Biloxi National Cemetery.



LOUISE WISER

Died April 24, 2009, age 94, at the Medilodge of Yale, in Yale, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Wiser. Louise is survived by son, Wesley (Pat) Wiser, and daughter-in-law Carol Wiser. She was predeceased by son, Robert. Also survived by ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters-in-law. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (South of 6 Mile) on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Services Monday at 1 p.m. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com

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Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959
50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Clarenceville High School

All Class Reunion
Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno Rd., Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, please feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns too. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system whether you are a graduate or non-graduate. Teachers, staff and faculty both past and present are also welcome. For more information, contact Walter E. Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967
A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952
Planning a high school reunion on June

27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit Schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene Kutnick Yamron hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959
50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somersett Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982
Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.class-report.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959
Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@wowway.com.

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

North Farmington

Class of 1979
Celebrate its 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail nfns1979@gmail.com

Garden City High School East

Class of 1959
3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcbglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1959
50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbeque at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12. Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. For details, call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@sbcbglobal.net.

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of '68' at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of '69 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of '70 at (734) 455-1395.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayminili@aol.com, or Kathy Shoebridge at KLivingstone@nu-core.com.

Class of 1989

20-year Class Reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Tickets \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to F.H.S. Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include contact information. For information, e-mail Angie at amiller@fctitle.com or Dennis at denny_dilorenzo@yahoo.com or call Dennis DiLorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott, (800) 228-9290, or www.marriott.com. Group reservation rates under Livonia Franklin 20-Year Reunion.



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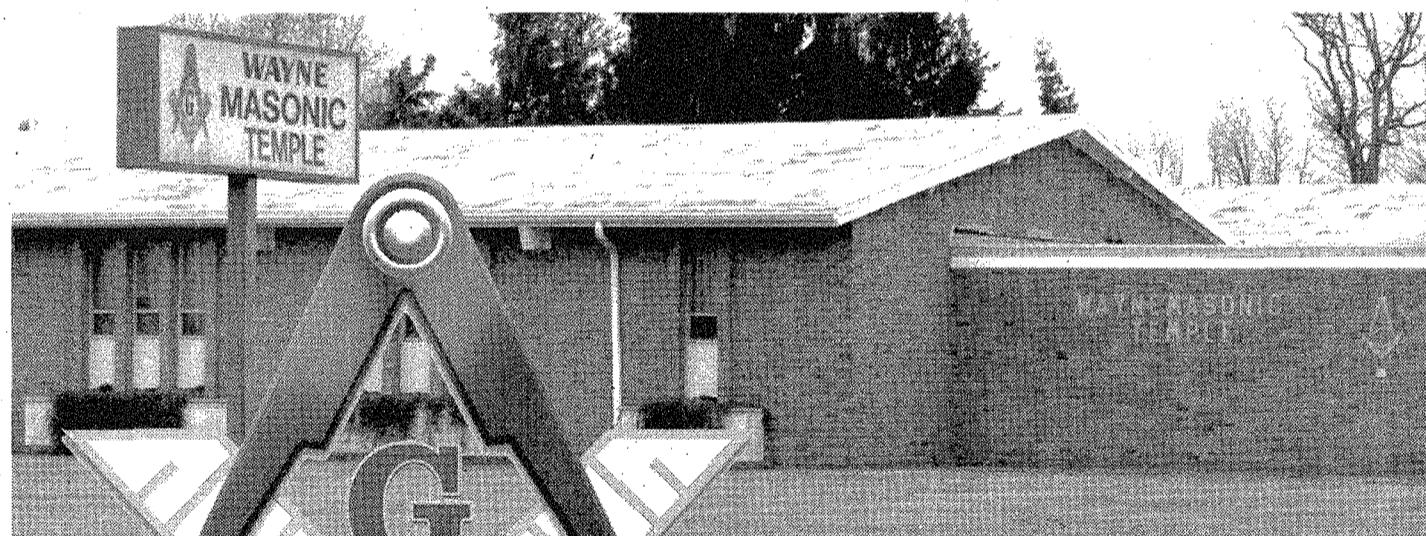
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Walking routine helps Michigan woman shed 162 pounds

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
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Jodi Davis lost 162 pounds in 16 months, simply by walking it off.

Now, the Coloma resident is encouraging others to lose weight, one step at a time.

Davis was morbidly obese, on her way to topping out at 300 pounds in her early 30s. Now, the mother of three is trim and athletic, and working to help others change their lives.

"I'm a walking spokesperson, health advocate, however you want to describe me," Davis said during a recent interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*. "Today I was called skinny. I like that."

Davis pulled her jacket aside to reveal a Blue Cross Blue Shield pedometer clipped to her waistband.

"Five thousand steps so far today, and that's just from shopping!" she quipped.

The standard walking goal for health and fitness is 10,000 steps a day, which Davis said is easily achievable with small yet persistent lifestyle changes.

Davis was always heavy, but after having children her weight crept into the danger zone. She spent her days putting her family's needs before her own, and after the kids were tucked in bed, she'd settle on the couch for me-time, which consisted of late-night, high-fat snacks.

She remained in denial until a relative died of weight-related problems.

"When I went to the funeral and saw her son standing by her



Jodi Davis shed 162 pounds in 16 months by walking. Now, she encourages others to take their first steps toward healthy living.

casket, without a mom, I thought that could be my kids," Davis said. "She never had a second chance. I did."

So, Davis laced up her tennis shoes and started walking. She began slowly, but the benefits came fast. Davis started to feel better and her clothes got looser.

She has walked a mile and a half, at a brisk pace, almost every day since.

"My motto is 'no excuses.' If it's raining, get an umbrella. If it's cold, get a coat. If I'm tired, oh well," she said. "I'm an average,

typical, ordinary person just like you. If I can do it, anyone can."

Davis changed her eating habits as well.

She still has fast food from time to time, but orders a single burger instead of a super size combo.

She sometimes snacks at night, but has traded chips and dip for pretzels with mustard or popcorn. She also eats smaller

portions.

"One bite tastes the same as 20," she said. "It's a mind set."

After slimming down, Davis wrote a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan CEO and President Daniel Loepp and a partnership began.

Davis now blogs for the BCBS WalkyTalk website, and tours with the Blues Cruiser to meet the public and encourage them to lead healthier lives.

People relate to her message of lifestyle change because she never uses the words 'diet' or 'exercise.'

"For a fat person, 'exercise' is being seen in spandex, being laughed at, huffing and puffing," she said. "But walking gets you out of the house, reduces stress, oh, and if you walk with a friend you can walk forever."

Davis plans to participate in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's National Walk at Lunch Day on April 29.

The workplace walking program encourages people to take time during their lunch break to start walking toward better health. Most Americans' schedules are built around their workdays, so NW@LD is designed to fit into — not compete with — their daily routine.

BCBSM employees throughout the state will participate in the event, and others are encouraged to form their NW@LD teams.

For more information on NW@LD, and to read Jodi Davis' blog, visit www.walkytalk.com.

BENEFITS OF WALKING

- Studies show walking 30 minutes a day, five days a week, lowers the risk for heart attack, stroke, breast cancer and diabetes.
- Walking helps control weight and improve muscle tone.
- Walking one mile burns about 100 calories — the same as jogging one mile (it just takes longer!)
- Walking is free, doesn't require any special equipment and can be done just about anytime, anywhere.
- The goal for healthy living is 10,000 steps a day.

NATIONAL WALK AT LUNCH DAY

When: Wednesday, April 29

What: NW@LD is designed to launch a daily walking routine that helps improve the health of Michigan's workforce.

Where: Wherever you work, take a break and walk at lunch. Encourage co-workers to join you.

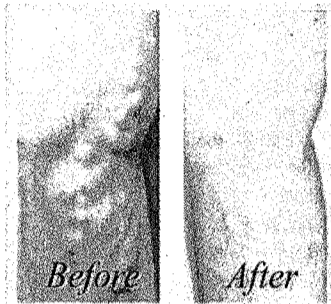
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A common experience for a patient with knee pain is to have weight bearing films of the knee show that "nothing is wrong," or the films reveal "there is no knee arthritis."

The next step is not to give the patient medicine for pain such as aspirin, motrin or naprosyn; rather, the doctor will investigate if the problem is "internal derangement of the knee."

What the doctor refers to by that statement is that the knee joint includes additional structure besides the knee joint. Within the joint are other parts that if they become torn or frayed, can create pain that feels like arthritis.

The structures most prone to injury are the medial and lateral menisci. The best way to see if injury has occurred is by an MRA (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) examination. The finding of meniscal damage, does not indicate that such is the cause of the patient's pain. Of equal importance is the patient's history of knee pain, including how long the pain has lasted, if injury to the knee precipitated the pain, and what make the pain worse or gives relief.

Initial treatment for a meniscal tear may be medication for pain to allow time to heal the problem. Next in order is joint injection with aspiration if the knee also contains fluid. If these measures fail, then the patient should be evaluated by an orthopedic surgeon for arthroscopic repair of the damaged meniscus.

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